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Indian troops must stop anti-Tamil operations

Tigers threaten long war

COLOMBO, July 11. (Reuters): The most powerful Tamil guerrilla group in Sri Lanka has threatened to withdraw from peace talks and prepare for a long war if Indian troops continue military operations against them.

The Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) group, in a statement at the weekend, said: "If India continues to engage in its effort to eliminate the Tigers, the Tigers would withdraw from the farcial peace talks and prepare the Tamil nation for a long and protracted struggle."

Rejected
It said that during the past nine months Indian troops had killed a large number of Tamil civilians, raped women and destroyed millions of rupees worth of property.

An Indian High Commission (embassy) official dismissed the allegations as propaganda.

The Tigers, who rejected an agreement signed by President Junius Jayewardene and Indian

Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi a year ago to end a Tamil separatist revolt, are continuing an armed separatist campaign.

Indian officials said about 52,000 troops, posted in the north and east to enforce the accord, had broken the back of the Tigers and were pressing ahead with a drive to hunt down and disarm them.

The LTTE said India was "hell-bent on eliminating the Tigers and liquidating its leaders" because the rebels would not accept any solution that would not protect Tamils.

The Tigers' statement came after weeks of official optimism over peace talks between Indian officials and rebel representatives in the south Indian city of Madras.

Indian High Commissioner (ambassador) Jyotindra Nath Dixit said that "despite the constantly changing stand of the LTTE" India was holding negotiations with the Tigers to enable them to give up violence

and return to democratic politics.

He said over the weekend that only the timing of a ceasefire and the period over which the Tigers would lay down their arms were the only things standing in the way of an agreement.

"These should not be insurmountable problems," he said, according to a statement from the High Commission.

Gunbattle
A military official said three Tamil guerrillas were killed by Indian troops yesterday in separate incidents.

Two rebels were killed in a gunbattle at Vavuniya in the north. A child was injured in crossfire, he said.

A rebel was killed in Trincomalee in the east, he said.

Police said suspected Sinhalese Marxist rebels killed a cinema owner and set fire to his small cinema last night at Panwila in the district of Kandy, central Sri Lanka.

The attackers also killed a

trader and set fire to a liquor store and a house in the same area, police said.

Meanwhile, Sri Lanka's main opposition party warned the government, civil war would break out if it were banned for alleged support of a Marxist group.

"Nearly five million people will get onto the streets with whatever weapons they can get hold of and bring an end to this farcial government," Anura Bandaranaike of the Sri Lanka Freedom Party (SLFP) said.

Bandaranaike, parliamentary opposition leader, issued the warning yesterday as Jayewardene threatened for the second time in two days to act against the Freedom Party if it consorted with the Marxist People's Liberation Front (JVP).

Jayewardene told an election rally Bandaranaike's recent statements expressing sympathy with the JVP, threatened the survival of democracy on the island.

Nagorno-Karabakh unrest escalates

Kremlin to take up dispute

MOSCOW, July 11. (Reuters): Armenian Communist Party leader Suren Arutunyan has said Kremlin leaders will convene soon to discuss a five-month crisis over the disputed Nagorno-Karabakh region of Nagorno-Karabakh, official sources said today.

A spokesman for the official Armanpress news agency said Arutunyan spoke on Armenian Television last night, seven days after the start of a general strike in Armenia over Nagorno-Karabakh which has hit the republic's economy hard.

"He said the situation would be discussed at a meeting of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet in Moscow soon," the spokesman told Reuters from Yerevan, the Armenian capital.

The Presidium of the Supreme

Soviet is the highest state body and could serve as mediator in the deadlocked dispute between Armenia and Azerbaijan, neighbouring republics in Transcaucasia, over the status of Nagorno-Karabakh.

Azerbaijan has administered the small, mountainous region of Nagorno-Karabakh since 1923. The conflict erupted in February when Nagorno-Karabakh's governing council called on the Kremlin to transfer the region to Armenia.

Since then at least 36 people have died in the worst ethnic turmoil in the Soviet Union in decades. The latest victim was a 22-year-old youth shot dead by a plastic bullet in clashes with troops after protesters closed Yerevan's airport last Tuesday. The general strike in Armenia

began on July 4 in support of Nagorno-Karabakh where Armenians form 75 per cent of the population. Officials said factories remained closed today after a rally of up to 200,000 Armenians in Yerevan on Sunday.

They said troops sent into the city last week had been withdrawn to the outskirts of Yerevan, which was being tightly patrolled by local police. Opera Square, the site of previous mass rallies, remained sealed off to the public.

"Yerevan is calm, but the strike in factories continues," an Armenian Foreign Ministry spokesman said.

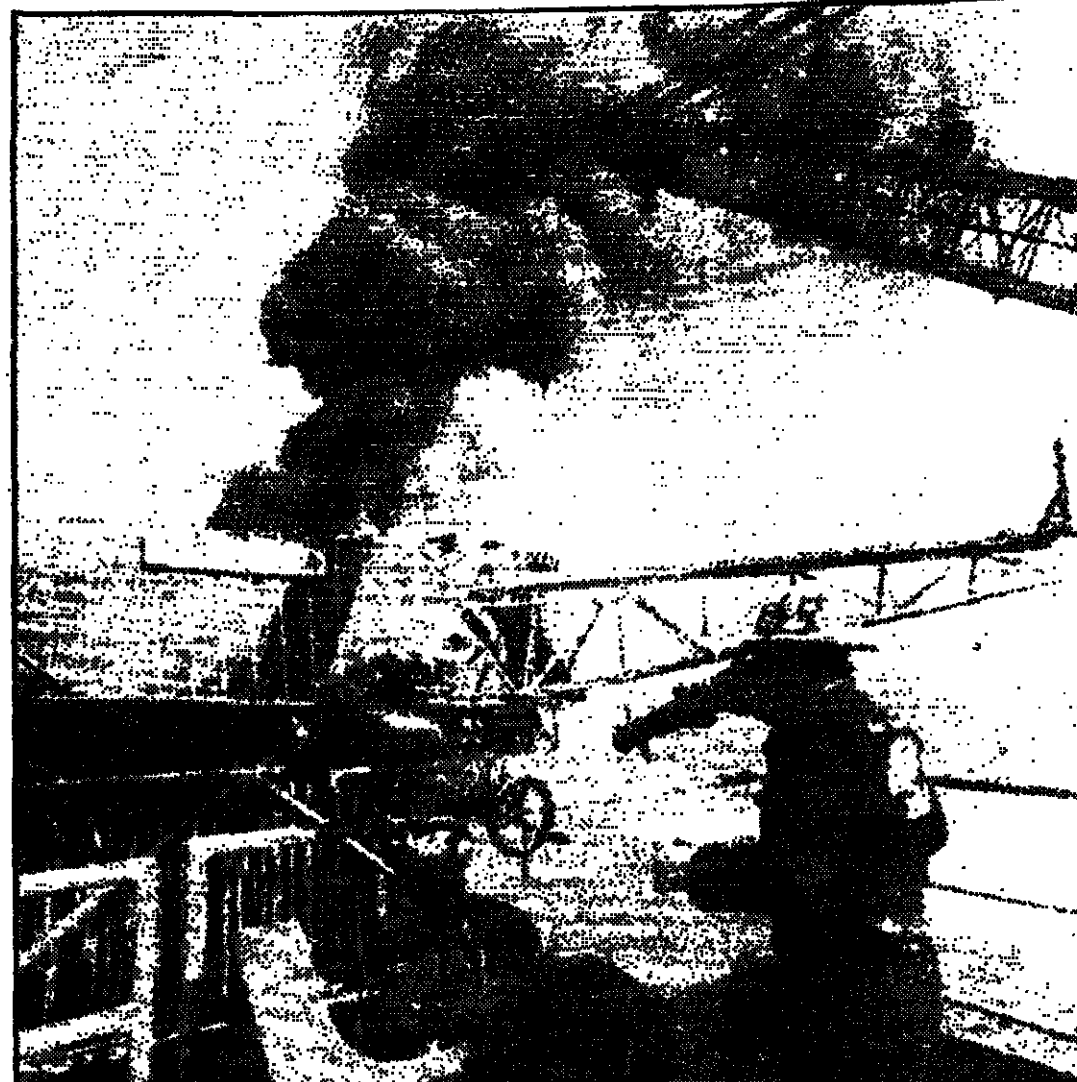
The spokesman said Arutunyan had called on Armenians to go back to work when he spoke on television on Saturday.

Child hunter imprisoned

PARKERSBURG, West Virginia, July 11. (AP): A self-styled bounty hunter of abducted children, who travelled the country quizzing parents and police departments about missing-child cases, is in a county jail charged with attempted abduction and sexual abuse of young boys.

David Robert Riggs, 37, was arrested on July 2 by Wood County sheriff's deputies after a woman in nearby Boaz said he tried to abduct her 13-year-old grandson.

Riggs represents himself as director of Search Seven New York, which purportedly does "aggressive investigations designed to recover criminally abducted children."



US firefighter Paul 'Red' Adair looks at the fire still burning aboard the Piper Alpha oil rig. (Reuters wirephoto)

Workers fail to cap oil leaks

North Sea platform still burning

ABERDEEN, Scotland, July 11. (Agencies): The Piper Alpha oil and gas platform in the North Sea was still burning and smoking early today, five days after explosions and fire killed 166 men in the world's worst oilfield disaster.

American oilfield fire and blowout specialist Red Adair, 73, and his team said they planned to return to the platform to continue clearing debris before trying to cap a blazing wellhead. He said three or four of the 36 wellheads are burning on the platform, two of them sending up flames 300 feet (90 metres) high. Other wells have been fractured under the sea and are blowing gas to the surface of huge bubbles.

Tilting
The team boarded the dangerous tilting platform at dawn yesterday from the semi-submersible support rig, Tharos, but was forced off by high winds, heavy seas and a surge of flames from one wellhead.

The platform hit by an explosion last Wednesday stands on the seabed 120 miles (192 km) off the Scottish east coast.

Occidental spokesman Richard Blake-Milton said today the Tharos had recovered an unidentified body from the sea at 5:40 am, bringing to 18, the number of bodies recovered so far.

"The job will cost millions (of dollars) and it could be that some of the oil outlets may be closed off permanently with concrete plugs," said John Brading, chairman in Britain for the US-based rig owner, Occidental Petroleum Corp.

Brading said the Adair team would work as close as 10 feet (3 metres) to the flames, protected by shields.

"If Red gets that close and says the job cannot be done, then we will have to drill a second well and that could take three to four weeks. Red has been extremely successful in the past, but every well is different," Brading said.

Survivors
Gene Grogan, Occidental's Vice President of Engineering, said Adair will try methods such as pouring in sea water, drilling mud or cement.

Fourteen of the 64 disaster

survivors are still being treated in Aberdeen Royal Infirmary, three of them with extensive burns.

The London newspaper today reported 6 million gallons (22.7 million litres) of oil a day were belching into the North Sea. Ships were working to disperse the slick, but dead seabirds smothered in oil were washed ashore.

The Department of Energy appointed Lord Cullen, a judge of the Court of Session in Edinburgh, to head the public inquiry into the disaster.

More than 100 churches in Scotland held memorial services yesterday for the victims.

A survivor of the North Sea oil platform disaster said today he reported a gas leak two days before the explosion.

Bob Ballantyne, one of 64 men rescued, said he told safety officers of a gas leak in the utilities module, where their conditioning and electrical distribution equipment is housed. The owners, Occidental Petroleum, have denied that any such reports were received.



Gorbachev (left) reviews a guard of honour along with Jaruzelski (with glasses) at the Warsaw airport. (Reuters wirephoto)

Gorbachev charms Polish well-wishers

WARSAW, July 11. (Reuters): Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev told hundreds of smiling Poles today a "great rapprochement" was in process in the long shadowed relationship between their two countries.

And in the opening moments of his first official visit to Poland as Communist Party chief, he launched a charm offensive clearly designed to demonstrate that the Kremlin wanted the goodwill of the Polish people.

"Although I have only just landed on your soil, I can see from the looks on your faces and the expression in your eyes that you have very friendly feelings towards us," he told crowds at a scene televised live across Poland and the Soviet Union.

"And I realise that a great rapprochement and understanding is arising between our peoples," a beaming Gorbachev added in a scene televised live across Poland and the Soviet Union.

Perestroika
Within two hours of the start of a six-day visit that will take him to three cities and include a summit meeting of the Soviet bloc Warsaw Pact alliance, he had plunged into crowds five times, kissing children and shaking their parents' hands.

Standing at his side his wife Raisa, resplendent in a white-and-grey checked two-piece out-

fit, passed on copies of his book "Perestroika," a best-seller in Poland and in the West, handed over by waiting Poles.

"Sign these, please, Mikhail Sergeyevich," she said, and the Kremlin chief happily obliged, while the crowd applauded.

"He has a directness that we appreciate. We can see he is something new," one Polish woman told visiting reporters.

The Polish media hailed him on first name terms — "Welcome, Mikhail," was one typical headline — while some banners greeted him in even more familiar fashion.

Gorbachev, accompanied by Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze and other senior party officials, was met at Okęcie military airport by Polish leader Wojciech Jaruzelski with a hug and three kisses.

Analysts of communist affairs regard Jaruzelski as one of the Kremlin chief's closest supporters in his drive to reshape the Warsaw Pact as well as the Soviet bloc's economic grouping Comecon, whose prime ministers met in Prague last week.

Jaruzelski is also engaged in reforms that poles compare with Gorbachev's "perestroika"

the wide-ranging programme to break the Soviet Union's ossified political and economic structures and fashion a modern socialist society.

Dukakis yet to find a running mate

WASHINGTON, July 11. (AP): Massachusetts Governor Michael Dukakis was back in his home base of Boston today, ready for a final round of deliberations on who will join him on the Democratic ticket.

Jesse Jackson says he expects to speak privately with Dukakis, the certain Democratic Party nominee, in the coming week about the vice presidency.

As the drama over a running mate for Dukakis plays on, Democrats were preparing for the opening of their convention a week from today in Atlanta.

Vice-President George Bush, the certain Republican nominee, was returning to Washington today after a weekend at his seaside retreat in Maine. Aides said Bush, was preparing to propose a strict new conflict-of-interest code for public officials.

Ethics
Dukakis has frequently attacked Bush over the ethics of officials. President Ronald Reagan has appointed, including Attorney General Edwin Meese III, who last week announced plans to step down.

Meese, who was under investigation for a year, declared him-

self vindicated after an independent counsel decided not to seek an indictment of him.

With Meese on the way out, campaign sources said the Vice-President hopes to take the offensive on the ethics issue. They said he would spell out his proposals later this month.

Bush himself was the target of accusations last week from Democratic Party chief Paul Kirk, who accused him of using public funds to pay for campaign appearances. Bush aides denied the allegations.

The Vice-President's only public appearance over the weekend was at a Lithuanian festival on Sunday near his vacation home in the nation's northeast corner. He said reforms in the Soviet Union signal a "time of hope," but warned against "complacency or weakness" in dealing with Moscow.

Bush and Jackson were speaking to the same agricultural group today in Washington.

Dukakis, who is struggling to resolve a budget crunch in his home state, was turning his attention to gubernatorial business today after a four-day western trip.

East-West spy swap planned

BONN, July 11. (AP): An East-West spy swap is being arranged that will include Soviet, West German and East German agents, a newspaper reported today.

The mass-circulation Bild newspaper said that the swap will involve about 20 West German agents being held in the East for "a handful of top spies from East Germany and the Soviet Union."

"We have no comment on this report," said Roland Bachmeier, a spokesman for the Interior Ministry.

The newspaper said that among the agents are Johann and Ingeborg Huebner, who were sentenced to six years in prison in Switzerland for directing the spying activities of a secretary working in the West German President's office.

Johann and Ingeborg Huebner were the assumed names used by Czechs Vladislav Karmazin and Rosemarie Mueller, who lived in Switzerland for 23 years before they were arrested in 1985.

The secretary, Margaret Hoeke, was convicted in 1987 of spying for the KGB and sentenced to eight years in prison in West Germany.

Iranian jet shot down

BAGHDAD, July 11. (Agencies): Iraq said today its anti-aircraft gunners shot down an Iranian warplane trying to cross the border east of its southern port city of Basra.

A military spokesman said the plane was one of two F-5 Iranian jets attempting to enter the operational area of the Iraqi Third Corps Army.

"The plane was seen falling in flames inside enemy territory," he said.

Iraq also said on Saturday its gunners shot down an Iranian F-4 Phantom in the same area but this was denied by Iran.

An Iraqi military spokesman yesterday denied Iranian allegations that the Iraqi artillery bombed cities of Khurrumshahr and Khurabad in the past 24 hours.

13 sentenced for Bologna bombing

BOLOGNA, Italy, July 11. (Reuters): An Italian court today sentenced 13 people to terms of up to life imprisonment in connection with the 1980 bombing of Bologna railway station but failed to establish who was behind the attack.

The blast, Europe's bloodiest post-war extremist outrage, killed 85 people and injured 200 when it brought down the ceiling of a waiting room crowded with holiday travellers at Bologna's main railway station on Aug. 2, 1980.

Eight of the 21 defendants were acquitted and the court rejected for lack of evidence charges of subversive association against 11 of the accused, including the former leader of the powerful P-2 Masonic Lodge, Licio Gelli, two senior military intelligence officers and leading Italian neo-fascists.

State prosecutors, who took six years to draw up the indictment, alleged that the attack was carried out by neo-fascists with links to the secret services and Gelli in a bid to destabilise Italy and pave the way for a right-wing takeover.

Of six right-wing extremists charged with carrying out the

attack, four were sentenced to life imprisonment for multiple homicide.

The two others, including leading extreme right-wing ideologue Paolo Signorelli, were acquitted on grounds of lack of sufficient evidence on the main charge but were among 11 defendants sentenced to terms of between six to 16 years on the less serious charge of membership of an armed band.

The Italian legal formula of acquittal on lack of sufficient evidence does not amount to a not guilty verdict and leaves room for doubt about the complete innocence of the defendant.

Gelli, 69, former military intelligence officer, General Pietro Musumeci and Colonel Giuseppe Belmonte, right-wing extremist Stefano Delle Chiaie and seven subversive association, the key to the prosecution's conspiracy theory.

Gelli, the two officers and former secret services agent Francesco Pazienza were all sentenced to seven years in jail on charges of calumny after the court heard they had tried to derail investigations into the bombing by laying a trail of evidence pointing to foreign extremists.

Arms smuggling

CAIRO, July 11. (Reuters): Two Egyptian officers accused of trying to smuggle US military supplies to Egypt have returned home, Defence Ministry sources said today.

Lieutenant Colonel Mohammed A. Mohammed, a military procurement officer in Egypt's Washington embassy, and Austrian-based Colonel Hussam Youssef arrived in Egypt without publicity, the sources said.

They said Washington and Cairo had agreed to keep the affair quiet so as not to disrupt their strong ties.

Attempt on Shultz' life foiled

KUALA LUMPUR, July 11. (Reuters): Malaysian police said today they foiled an attempt on the life of US Secretary of State George Shultz during his visit on Saturday.

Deputy police chief Megat Abdul Hamid Megat Jaafar told reporters a 19-year-old youth was picked up on a road leading to the official residence of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Mahathir Mohamad, where a meeting with Shultz was held.

The youth, identified as an unemployed school dropout with no criminal record, was holding a home-made petrol bomb bearing the words "G. Shultz" when spotted by a patrolling constable on Saturday.

"We assume the youth was waiting for George Shultz's entourage to pass by to visit the prime minister," Megat said. "This has averted an embarrassment for the Malaysian police," he said, adding that Shultz was not informed of the incident on Saturday in order not to spoil his visit.

The youth, from the northern resort island, Penang, also carried a small knife, a matchbox and a list of names which included Shultz.

Police are interrogating the youth.

Car explosion kills two in Athens

ATHENS, July 11. (Reuters): Two dismembered bodies were found in the wreck of a car which exploded in an Athens suburb today, police said.

They said they found the bodies, probably of a man and a woman, in the parked car, which police sources said had been rented locally by a Lebanese citizen. They also found one machine-gun, a number of bullets, one grenade and huge sums of US dollars around the wreckage.

A senior police officer who asked not to be identified said the couple had either intended to sell the weaponry or were planning a terrorist attack in Greece in the next few days. He did not elaborate.

Eyewitnesses said the blast heavily damaged a yacht club and broke windows of nearby houses. No injuries were reported.

"Apart from the weaponry we found, the car must have been packed with explosives. It was a huge explosion and it was a miracle we did not have more victims," one police officer said.

Zia to announce polls date soon

ISLAMABAD, July 11. (Reuters): Pakistan President Zia-ul-Haq will announce the date for general elections within a few days, a minister in his caretaker administration said today.

The Associated Press of Pakistan news agency also quoted Information and Broadcasting Minister Ellahi Bakh Soomro as saying no one should doubt the government's intention to hold elections.

Zia said he would hold new polls within 90 days of sacking Prime Minister Mohammad Khan Junejo and dissolving the lower house of Parliament on May 29.

Opposition parties have been pressing him to set the date since his unexpected move against Junejo.

Namibia talks

UNITED NATIONS, July 11. (AP): Officials from South Africa, Angola, Cuba and the United States opened talks today on a timetable for a Cuban troop withdrawal from Angola as part of a peace settlement and black majority rule in Namibia.

The officials met at the US Coast Guard base on Governor's Island in New York harbour for talks that are expected to end late tomorrow or early on Wednesday, said Anne Stoddard, a spokeswoman for the US mission to the United Nations.

Record offer

HAY RIVER RESERVE, Northwest Territories, July 11. (AP): Leaders of 15,000 native Indians in Canada's Northwest Territories have rejected a land claim offer from the federal government which would have made them the biggest landholders in North America.

Family visa ...

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of persons staying outside Kuwait for more than six months without previous permission from the Immigration Department. A new visit visa for entry into Kuwait would have to be obtained in such cases, he added.

He stressed the importance of renewing the validity of the passport prior to its expiry. He added that if the validity of the passport was not renewed the residence permit, even if valid, would be treated as having expired.

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Boat and rickshaw make their way side by side on a flooded street in eastern Bangladesh town of Sylhet. (Reuters wirephoto)

70 more die in floods

Bangladesh on disaster alert

DHAKA, July 11, (Reuters): Bangladesh has ordered a full disaster alert and sent more troops to evacuate those marooned by monsoon floods in which at least 70 people were killed in less than two weeks, officials said today.

They said the death toll soared after 20 people were drowned or swept away by strong currents in the worst-hit districts of Sylhet, Sunamganj and Netrokona in the past day.

More than 50,000 people who fled their homes or were saved by troops and civil officials had been housed in temporary camps.

Hundreds of families huddled on highways and river dykes. Many others were perched on the roofs of their half-submerged houses or on trees.

President Hossain Moham-

mad Ershad visited some stricken areas in Sunamganj on Sunday and assured victims of quick and adequate help for millions who had lost their homes and other property in the deluge.

Several ministers have also been ordered to stay in flood-hit areas to supervise rescue and relief operations.

"We are on a full disaster alert and mobilising whatever resources we have to face the challenge," one official at Sylhet said.

Officials said today nearly 10 million people suffered in the flooding which swelled all major rivers above their danger level, sending water through thousands of villages.

Meanwhile, at least 30 people have died of malaria in the Chittagong Hill Tracts of southern

Bangladesh, local officials said today.

Hundreds of others in the densely forested region, the scene of a 15-year-old tribal separatist insurgency, have been infected with malaria by mosquito bites, they said.

Doctors said up to 20 per cent of the 300,000 Bengali-speaking settlers in the 5,500 square miles (14,200 sq km) of the hill tracts bordering India and Burma may have contracted malaria.

"The settlers are more prone to malarial attacks compared with the tribesmen who have a sort of natural immunity to mosquito bites," one doctor said.

He said most victims die or suffer without treatment because health officials usually avoid going into remote areas for fear of the Shanti Bahini separatist guerrillas.

Kampuchean leader goes into exile in France

Sihanouk resigns again

BANGKOK, July 11, (Reuters): Prince Norodom Sihanouk announced his resignation as head of the UN-recognised Kampuchean guerrilla coalition and said he would go into exile in France, only a day after Western and Asian nations hailed him as the war-torn country's only hope for peace.

His resignation, which stunned diplomats, was made public today, the day he was scheduled to arrive in Indonesia to prepare for July 25 peace talks.

The talks would have brought the three guerrilla factions in the Coalition Government of Democratic Kampuchea (CGDK), Vietnam, and ASEAN states together for the first time in the nine-year-old Kampuchean conflict.

If the resignation stands — he has resigned on several occasions from the coalition — it could derail the peace talks, diplomats said.

Sihanouk is in Thailand and will leave tonight for France, his office here said.

The resignation follows a week of discussions with foreign ministers from the association of

South East Asian Nations, Japan, the United States and other countries about possible ways of settling the Kampuchean conflict.

The delegates championed the 65-year-old former monarch, who ruled Kampuchea with various titles between 1941 to 1970, to head a new government giving Kampucheans an alternative to pro-Vietnamese or Khmer Rouge communist rule.

Sihanouk, in a statement released today, said he had cancelled his long-planned visits to Japan and Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN).

Key role
"For serious reasons which it is impossible for me at the moment to enumerate or explain, I am obliged, today, to resign the presidency of Democratic Kampuchea," the statement said.

"Good God, that's incredible," said one European diplomat.

Diplomats could only speculate on the reasons for the surprise resignation.

During the July 4-9 ASEAN conference US Secretary of State

George Shultz gave Sihanouk a letter from President Reagan saying the Prince "had a central role to play in whatever solution may be arrived at," in Kampuchea.

One Western diplomat in Bangkok said: "I would assume it was a tactical move and he has assessed there is nothing to be gained from the Jakarta talks."

An ASEAN diplomat said: "Sihanouk's role in the (Jakarta) talks was crucial. He was a focal point. The fact that he's not going there puts us all off balance."

He added: "The move is not uncharacteristic, but we are still puzzled why he is doing it. He was supposed to have been visiting Singapore, Jakarta and Manila before the July 25 talks."

Sihanouk always had an uneasy relationship with the CGDK, formed of fiercely rival factions in 1982 under pressure from ASEAN and China, the guerrillas' main backers.

Sihanouk resigned as president last May saying he needed more room for manoeuvre in individual peace efforts.

These efforts included two meetings with Hun Sen, the Prime Minister of the Vietnamese-backed Kampuchean government in Phnom Penh.

He resumed the presidency earlier this year and last month said he had forged a common position for the Jakarta talks.

Sihanouk fled Kampuchea after the 1978 Vietnamese invasion toppled the Khmer Rouge, living primarily in China and North Korea.

He has said he is trying to prevent his country being "gobbled up" by Vietnam and attempting to block any return to power of the Khmer Rouge, blamed for up to a million deaths during their April 1975 to January 1979 rule.

Sihanouk, 65, appointed his son and long-time spokesman, Prince Norodom Ranariddh, to represent his Sihanoukist National Army and political organisation in the CGDK.

Japan's Sotuke Uno met Sihanouk in Bangkok last week and promised financial help in establishing an international peacekeeping force to oversee a transition to democratic rule.

Simple way of abortion developed

BEIJING, July 11, (UPI): A gynaecologist in China, where reports of forced abortions are widespread, claims he has found a simple and painless method that is 95 per cent effective and requires neither hospitalisation nor anaesthetics, the Xinhua news agency said today.

The new method of abortion was developed by a gynaecologist at a hospital in northwestern Shanxi province, Xinhua said.

The operation involves the insertion of a thin flexible tube into the womb and the injection of a liquid developed by two medical research institutes in the cities of Shenyang and Shanghai, Xinhua said.

Within two to four days, the foetus breaks away from the uterus wall with haemorrhaging similar to regular menstruation, the agency said.

The unidentified doctor claimed a 95 per cent success rate for his method, which he described as "simple and painless" and said can be carried out without hospitalising or anaesthetising the patient.

He said the treatment does not affect a woman's menstrual cycle or her fertility.

Millions of abortions are carried out each year in China, which has a draconian "one couple, one child" family planning policy.

The United States halted payments to the United Nations Fund for Population Activities (UNFPA) following numerous reports in China of forced abortions among women with unplanned pregnancies.

Goulding in Amman

AMMAN, July 11, (AP): UN Undersecretary General Marrack Goulding arrived today and conferred with Foreign Minister Taher Masi, the official Jordan news agency reported.

Shultz defends US military presence in Southeast Asia

JAKARTA, July 11, (AP): US Secretary of State George Shultz left for Manila today after saying that US military bases in the Philippines are a key to regional security, but adding Washington has other options if forced to pull out.

"The presence of the United States in this region is a significant factor, it's part of the strategic equation," Shultz said at a news conference. "The idea of the United States not being here is virtually unthinkable for people."

Though relocating would be "a very great problem," the Secretary of State said: "Our military people have had to think about how they are going to carry out their mission and somewhat to their surprise they found ways of doing it." He declined to specify the options.

Libya and Tunisia step up unity efforts

ROME, July 11, (AP): Tunisian Premier Hedi Baccouche met with Libyan leader Muammar Khaddafi in Libya today in an effort to strengthen ties between the two North African neighbours, the official Libyan agency JANA reported.

Earlier, Tunisia's official news agency, TAP, reported that Tunisian President Zine El Abidine gave Baccouche and Interior Minister Habib Ammar a message for Khaddafi.

On his arrival, Baccouche said the visit would give substance to recommendations made at the June 10 summit of North African leaders to "underline solidarity and unity between the Arab Maghreb countries," according to Libyan Television, monitored by the BBC in London.

"It is as if Libya and Tunisia were one state," Baccouche said. Libya's JANA agency, monitored in Rome, said Khaddafi received the Tunisians in the coastal city of Sirte.

Future

JANA quoted Baccouche as saying Tunisia feels "optimistic over the future of our bilateral relations in particular and the Maghreb and Arab relations in general."

He also said he would discuss the situation of Palestinian refugee camps in Lebanon, according to JANA.

The visit comes just before a meeting set for Wednesday, in Algiers of a commission charged by the summit leaders with discussing means toward unity of Tunisia, Libya, Algeria, Morocco and Mauritania.

JANA quoted Baccouche as saying relations between Libya and Tunisia "have entered a new phase which needs consultations between us on all levels to improve and enhance these relations."

Communists recruiting overseas Filipinos

MANILA, July 11, (Reuters): Philippine communist rebels have set up bases in Hong Kong and Borneo to recruit overseas Filipinos and raise funds for the 19-year-old insurgency, the military said today, citing captured documents.

The documents said recruitment in Hong Kong should be stepped up and targeted the tens of thousands of maids, musicians, journalists and others working in the British colony as potential candidates, a declassified military report said.

It said the documents were taken from an alleged communist leader Noel Villalba, arrested by the military on July 2 upon his return to Manila from Hong Kong.

The documents also referred to a "breakthrough" in organisational work among Filipino workers in Borneo and showed Villalba also had contacts in Malaysia.

Solidarity

"This is... believed to be part of the (rebel) effort to establish solidarity linkage with foreign liberation movements," the military said. It urged close monitoring of the activities of Philippine rebels abroad.

Church and social groups in Hong Kong said the colony was an unlikely base for Philippine communist activity.

"There is no Philippine communist activity in Hong Kong as far as I know," said Jack Clancy, a Catholic Church representative in Hong Kong.

"It's almost impossible to buy a hand-gun in Hong Kong... I think the military made a mistake and now they are trying to cover it up," he said.

Clancy, an American, was a signatory to a letter handed into the Philippine consulate in Hong Kong this afternoon expressing concern over Villalba's detention and demanding restoration of his legal and human rights.

The letter, signed by 23 social groups, said Villalba is the co-ordinator of the Asian Committee for People's Organisations.

Students burn US flags in Beijing

BEIJING, July 11, (Reuters): Watched by hundreds of Chinese police, Iranian and other Muslim students burned US flags outside embassy buildings today to protest about the shooting down of an Iranian airliner by the US Navy last week.

Chanting "Down with US imperialism" and "Down with British imperialism", about 20 Iranians and 30 Arabs and Africans marched a short distance to the US and British embassies and the home of the US ambassador.

Condemnation

Carrying banners in English, Arabic and Chinese, which also denounced Israel and apartheid, they were surrounded by about 200 policemen and watched by many bemused Chinese curious to see such a rarity as a street protest.

A statement issued by the marchers, mostly students, said the July 3 attack on the Dubai-bound Iran Air airliner, which killed all 290 people on board, was "a horrendous crime" not against one country but against all of humanity.

"This inhuman act was con-

demned by different countries and international organisations, including China," it said.

The marchers applied for permission to hold the demonstration five days in advance, as required by Beijing city regulations, said one police officer.

The police surrounded the marchers on four sides, had at least three cameramen filming them and stationed 20 men in front of the US embassy and ambassador's residence.

Marchers shouted with delight as they set fire to two American flags and tossed the bare poles into the embassy compound and the residence of Ambassador Winston Lord.

Temper rose when the marchers were unable to hand in a letter at the embassy because no-one came out to receive it.

One demonstrator burst through the police line and thrust the letter through the embassy letter box.

Everyone took pictures of each other — police, embassy staff, foreign reporters and the demonstrators themselves.

No Chinese took part in the march. "We did not invite them," said one of the students.

Rebel leader rebuffs Cordovez

Afghan peace plan rejected

PESHAWAR, July 11, (UPI): The head of an Afghan guerrilla "government-in-exile" has rejected a peace proposal for Afghanistan by UN envoy Diego Cordovez saying it could lead to a "further deterioration" of the country.

The efforts by Diego Cordovez could not ensure peace and tranquillity in Afghanistan, Ahmad Shah, president of the "interim government" set up last month by the seven-party guerrilla alliance, said in an interview with United Press International.

Cordovez, at a news conference Saturday, called for a ceasefire in Afghanistan and the formation of a neutral caretaker administration on Sept 1 prior to the holding of a grand tribal assembly, known as a loya jirga, that would decide on a new

government in Kabul.

"The proposal could lead to a further deterioration of the situation," Shah said in the interview at his home in Peshawar, 30 km from the Afghan border.

Shah said the UN diplomat had not discussed his proposals with the alliance leaders, who he said "are the real representatives of the Afghan people."

Shah and other hardline leaders of the alliance had refused to meet with Cordovez during his two-week shuttle mission to the region to review implementation of the April 14 Geneva accord.

Cordovez, who met with government leaders in Tehran, Islamabad and Kabul as well as Afghan refugees during his trip, negotiated the Geneva settlement, under which Moscow on May 15 began a scheduled

nine-month withdrawal of its more than 100,000 troops supporting the communist government in Afghanistan.

Afghan guerrillas have stepped up their war against the Soviet-backed government in Kabul in recent days.

Rebel sources said today the attacks were being concentrated in eastern areas bordering Pakistan, near Kabul and around the southern city of Kandahar where they claimed to have shot down a helicopter on Saturday killing three Soviet crewmen.

"There has been an increase," said guerrilla spokesman Ikram Khan. "And it is likely to increase even more in the next month."

A Western diplomat said he believed the mujahedeen would try to pile on the military pressure as Soviet troops withdrew.

Hostage fund organiser disappointed

WASHINGTON, July 11, (AP): A Canadian man who set up a fund in Washington to aid Americans held hostage in Lebanon said he is about to give up after collecting only \$20 in six months.

Gary Selby said he has spent more than \$1,200 on telephone calls communicating with hostages' families and trying to drum up publicity for the freedom trust at Riggs National

before the end of the month. Money in the fund was to be distributed in equal shares to the hostages when they were released, Selby said.

Bank officials confirmed that the trust was formally established in January but could not be contacted during the weekend to say how much money was in the account.

Selby, of Shawbridge, Quebec,

said documents he receives as trustee show the account currently holds \$20 mostly in \$1 cheques mailed from Pennsylvania after a radio station interviewed him. No money has been withdrawn since the account was opened, he said.

Selby said he has called scores of radio and television stations and has been interviewed by several reporters, but contributions barely trickled in.

Egyptian hurt in bid to get his money back

CAIRO, July 11, (Reuters): An Egyptian teacher shot by a guard, when dozens of angry depositors tried to storm the home of the head of an Islamic finance house, was recovering in hospital today.

Police said Ahmed Eid Amin, 38, who teaches in Saudi Arabia, was wounded in the neck yesterday in a clash outside the house of Ahmed Tawfik Abdul Fattah, chairman of Al-Rayan, one of Egypt's largest Islamic finance firms.

They said Amin had tried to break into the house with other depositors after the finance company refused to return his \$35,500 savings.

A Cairo newspaper Al-Gomhoreya said Amin had asked President Hosni Mubarak in a telegram to order the company to return his savings.

The shooting was the first violence reported as hundreds of thousands of Egyptians, anxious about the fate of their savings, waited to see how the Islamic companies would react to a new law regulating their business.

Restrictions
Some Islamic firms have halted or restricted withdrawals by depositors while the government finalises details — expected to be announced this week — on how it will implement a recent law to regulate the firms.

Amin told police he had deposited \$34,500 and 2,300 Egyptian pounds (\$1,000) with Rayan.

A police officer guarding the villa in Cairo's Giza area told Reuters a security guard employed by Rayan shot Amin "apparently to scare him."

The company's offices, heavily guarded by police, remained closed for business, as they have been since Egypt's Parliament passed a law last month to control their operations.

Payment
An employee, who declined to be named, was standing outside the gates to answer customers' questions.

He told Reuters the company had agreed to pay depositors up to 20 per cent of their savings from mid-July.

A half-dozen big Islamic firms built up sizeable businesses in the 1980s by offering returns much higher than those given by banks. They are estimated to control well over \$2 billion, in deposits, mostly in small savings.

Instead of paying fixed interest, banned by Islam, they operate risk-sharing schemes in which depositors take a percentage of profits or losses.

The government, seeking to rein in a little-regulated sector, rushed through a law requiring the companies to go public, issue "investment deeds" to depositors and undergo detailed scrutiny by a state regulatory agency.

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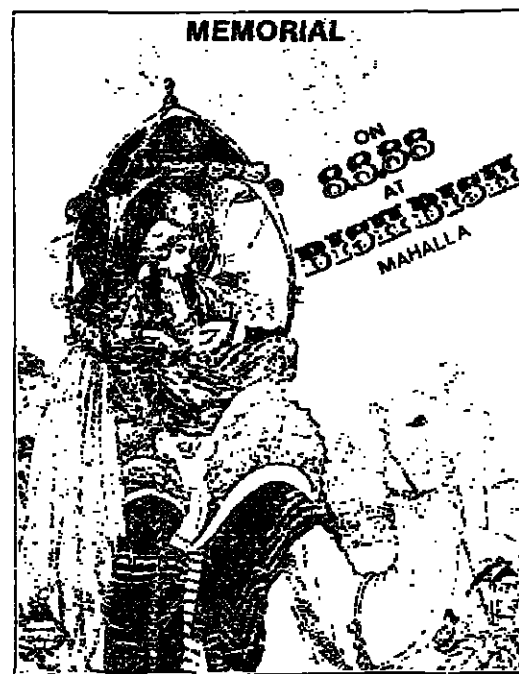
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Frustrated by Reagan administration's inability

Arabs moving away from US for arms

MANAMA, July 11, (UPI): Diplomats say a new arms deal between Kuwait and the Soviet Union signals a growing and calculated move away from dependence on US arms by Arab states frustrated by the Reagan administration's inability to supply weapons.

Kuwait's state-run KUNA news agency announced the deal with Moscow yesterday, three days after the US Senate voted to exclude ground-to-air missiles from a proposed \$1.9 billion jet fighter sale to Kuwait.

KUNA did not reveal the value of the Soviet arms deal, nor did it describe the weapons involved. But diplomats interpreted the move as the latest in a series of deals by frustrated Gulf states to lessen their dependence on the United States for defensive weapons.

Focus

The Kuwait-initiated arms deal came as HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah arrived in Washington for a state visit. The first official visit to the United States by a senior member of the Kuwaiti royal family in

20 years was expected to focus on arms purchases and the nearly 8-year-old Iran-Iraq war.

Kuwait wants to buy sophisticated US weaponry to ward off threats to its security from Iran. US warships began escorting 11 reregistered Kuwaiti vessels through the Gulf last summer after a spate of Iranian attacks.

But the Senate, bowing to a strong pro-Israeli lobby, voted Thursday to deny Kuwait of air-to-surface Maverick missiles in a move that could jeopardise a \$1.9 billion arms package that also includes 40 advanced F-18 fighter-bombers.

Kuwait indicated that if the Maverick missiles are excluded, the entire package maybe in jeopardy.

Diversity

The Senate denial, which came amid continued high tension in the Gulf in the wake of the July 3 downing of an Iranian passenger plane by a US warship, drew criticism from President Reagan and the State Department.

"Kuwait's move is part of wider anger among Gulf Arab states at the inability of the Reagan administration to deliver weapons to its valued

allies," one Gulf-based envoy said.

Saudi Arabia last week switched a mammoth arms deal, established at \$12 billion, from the United States to Britain after Congress vetoed the sale of sophisticated US weaponry to the kingdom.

Kuwait also will hold talks with British and other West European defence contractors in its bid to diversify arms suppliers.

Warning

"A number of Arab Gulf states are currently locked in talks with West European and Soviet bloc defence contractors," a Gulf-based Western diplomat said. "Make no mistake, they want the best... but the policy line now is diversification and drop the Americans, as a warning to Congress."

Another Gulf state, Qatar, established diplomatic ties with China last week amid a dispute between Qatar and the United States over the island nation's purchase of Stinger missiles without Washington's approval. The move was seen as a further snub to US diplomacy in the region.

Saudi Arabia to launch drive for Arab summit

AMMAN, July 11, (KUNA): High level diplomatic sources today said that Saudi Arabia will soon launch a drive on the Arab arena with the aim of holding a regular Arab summit conference in Riyadh.

The sources told KUNA that the conference is scheduled to take place next November, adding that Riyadh prefers the convening of the summit meeting before that date.

The return of Egypt to the Arab fold will be among the major issues that will be tackled by the summiters, the sources pointed out and clarified that the matter was scheduled for discussion in the Algiers summit conference but was postponed when Syria and Libya threatened to walk out of the conference if the subject is raised.

Tripoli and Damascus also threatened to withdraw their membership from the Arab League, they added.



Kuwait's Minister of Education Anwar Al Nouri yesterday inspecting the activities at Bayan Club for girls. Accompanying the minister were the acting Undersecretary Abdul Mohsen Al Saeed, the director of schools activities Khaled Al Harban and a number of officials and below the minister and his delegation viewing a theatrical performance by the students at Bayan Club for boys.



Cancer cases in Kuwait on the rise

THE Undersecretary of the Ministry of Public Health, Dr Nael Al Naqib said that annual average of new cancer cases in Kuwait touched 40 cases per 100,000 persons as compared with the average of 400 to 500 cases per 100,000 persons in advanced countries.

The undersecretary pointed out that 80 per cent of cancer is caused by environmental factors. Thus, cancer types differ from country to country.

He added that 1,200 cases of cancer are reported in Kuwait every year and 20 per cent of these cases arrive for medical treatment from the GCC states and other neighbouring countries.

The official commented that lung cancer is the most common cancer among men in Kuwait and sixty to eighty new cases are reported every year. He added that breast cancer is the most common cancer among women and 100 to 120 of these cases appear in Kuwait annually.

Treatment

He said, that cancer, after heart diseases and road accidents, is the third highest cause of death among men in Kuwait. In women, it is listed as the second cause of death after heart diseases.

Dr Naqib warned that cancer cases in the country are on the increase. In the early 1970's, only 400 to 500 cases were reported, compared to 1,200 cases present-

ly, he said. Additionally, a continuous increase in lung cancer could be avoided by avoiding cigarettes.

The undersecretary commented that Kuwait cancer patients were provided with the most modern treatment comparable to the best in the world. Exceptional (very few) cases were sent abroad which required complicated surgeries. Further, the ministry invited famous

physicians to assist in diagnosing and treating cancer patients, he disclosed.

The official was critical of the limited role of the anti-cancer society in fighting cancer and its care of patients and added that the ministry is working to develop and improve the psychological and social services given to patients through the improvement of social service offices.

Patients have to wait long to see doctors, says study

A FIELD study by the director of the Amiri Hospital, Dr Ahdi Al Ghanim indicated that 50 per cent of patients said they have to wait very long to see their doctors.

The study was based on a questionnaire randomly distributed to 1,600 patients. The study revealed that 46 per cent of those questioned believed it was possible to improve the services offered by nurses—although 90 per cent of them expressed satisfaction over these services. Eighty per cent said their medical records were complete, while the rest either found some mistakes or could not find their records at all.

Patients overwhelmingly appreciated the co-operation of doctors. Although 53 per cent said they had long waits to see the doctors, 98.5 per cent

appreciated their doctors' responses. Ninety-five per cent claimed doctors patiently listened to their case histories, while only one per cent said they did not trust their doctors.

There was almost total satisfaction over the cleaning of hospitals. Only 1.3 per cent of those interviewed were not satisfied with the cleaning services. On catering, five per cent were not satisfied with the standard of food provided, while eight per cent said the quantity was insufficient, and two per cent said the food was not presented in clean dishes. Ninety per cent were satisfied with the timings when food was served and 78 per cent said they did not bring food from outside. Ninety-five per cent said medicines from the hospital pharmacies were obtained without any trouble.

ELF hails Kuwait's support for Eritrean cause

THE Eritrean Liberation Front (ELF) yesterday hailed Kuwait's continuous support for the Eritrean cause.

Head of the front Abdulla Idris, head of foreign relations office Mohammed Ali Labab and director of the front bureau in Kuwait were quoted by a Kuwaiti newspaper as saying that Kuwait's Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed is the most prominent Arab official who has backed the Eritrean cause in the United Nations and other international bodies.

They added that their forces have already liberated 90 per cent of the Eritrean territories, and nine main cities during the fighting with Ethiopian troops last March and April.

Oman-Kuwait educational ties strong

OMANI Education Undersecretary Saud Bin Ibrahim Al Bousaidi stressed the strong joint relations in educational fields between Oman and Kuwait in an interview published yesterday.

Speaking to a Kuwaiti newspaper on joint educational co-operation between both countries, the Omani Undersecretary said that at the outset of 1989, Oman will espouse educational techniques Kuwait is following on children in kindergarten and will apply them on Omani children, adding that Oman is learning from Kuwait's curriculums and may adopt the same pattern with slight alterations to beseech national interests.

Speaking to the minister in Muscat, the paper said that Oman participates in conferences and sessions held by the Kuwaiti Teachers Association and maintains strong relations with that well-founded organisation.

Medical report to cost KD1

THE Minister of Public Health, Dr Abdul Razzaq Al Abdul Razzaq, has issued two decisions regarding medical costs, one of which sets the fee for kidney stone ultra-proton operations for non-citizens at KD130 for visitors and KD65 for residents. The other decision concerns the issuing of medical reports, which will cost KD1.00 a time.

Dr Abdul Razzaq issued a third decision revising the seats on the board of each specialised dental centre, whereby the head of the centre would act as board chairman and heads of the various centre units as board members. Under this arrangement, the board will devise ways and issue recommendations aimed at upgrading the performance level of services at the centre.

A fourth decision related to the qualifications and conditions that must be met by non-Kuwaiti dentists in order for them to receive training at ministry centres.

AIDS victims deported

DUBAI, July 11, (KUNA): Authorities here deported three persons last June stricken by Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS), it was announced here today.

The persons are of English, Sudanese and Sri Lankan nationalities.

Pakistan minister discusses Afghanistan with Saudi officials

JEDDAH, July 11, (AP): Pakistani Foreign Minister Sahabzada Yaqub Khan concluded today a two-day visit to Saudi Arabia where he discussed with officials the situation in Afghanistan.

In a statement before departure, Khan said that he "discussed the post-Geneva accord situation in Afghanistan, especially the return of Afghan refugees in safety and honour."

He said his visit enabled him to discuss with the Saudi authorities mutual relations and review the latest regional and international situation.

ROYAL COURT

Amiri cable

HH the Amir yesterday sent a cable of congratulations to Mongolian People's Republic President on the occasion of his country's National day.

KUWAIT PRESS DIGEST

US accused of 'dual standards' over arms sales

A KUWAITI newspaper yesterday accused the United States of "pursuing contradictory policies and applying dual standards" in deciding its arms sales to foreign countries.

Al Rai Al Aam noted in an editorial that the United States recently agreed to develop a joint anti-rocket missile system with Israel while a "hostile vote" by the US Senate opposed selling Maverick anti-tank and anti-ship missiles to Kuwait as part of a proposed 1.9 billion dollar in arms deal.

"This contradiction in US attitudes is surprising. The United States had so far proved to be a non-neutral party in its efforts to find a peaceful settlement in the Middle East. It also adopts a dual standard in evaluating the defence needs of other states," the newspaper said.

"The Senate could not betray its absolute loyalty to international Zionism. We have no other interpretation of the Senate's unanimous vote to drop the Mavericks," it noted.

The newspaper noted that US President Reagan had commended Kuwait's attitude in combatting terrorism.

"But to our astonishment the Congress is behaving against the interest of their country and furthering the interest of Israel, thanks to the Zionist lobby which still believes it controls the decision-making process in the United States," Al Rai Al Aam added.

Soviets will not resume ties with Israel now: Sabah

KUWAIT'S acting Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed yesterday announced that the Soviet Union would not resume relations with the Israeli until after a "serious" international conference to settle the Middle East crisis and the Palestinian question.

Sheikh Sabah made the statement to newsmen following a meeting yesterday with the Soviet Ambassador to Kuwait, Ernest Zverev, who arrived here on the 19th of the Soviet Communist Party, recently held in Moscow.

The acting prime minister indicated that the Soviet envoy has also acquainted him with the reforms under way in the Soviet Union at this stage.

Sheikh Sabah told newsmen that the Soviet ambassador has "renewed his country's stance from the Middle East problem and continued support of convening the international conference on peace in the Middle East. He also reassured that there will be no relations between the Soviet Union and Israel unless after (Israel's) acceptance of (taking part in) a serious international conference."

Eid sacrifice project to benefit 11 countries

THE deputy director of the Zakat House Abdul Qader Dhahi Al Ojeil was quoted yesterday as saying that 11 Arab and Islamic countries will benefit from the Islamic sacrifice project which occurs annually during the Eid of Adha.

Al Ojeil told a Kuwaiti newspaper, that those countries which would receive the sacrifice include Jordan, (Palestinian refugee camps), Lebanon, Egypt, Sudan, Somalia, Bangladesh, Pakistan and (Afghan refugee camps) India, and Philippines, Indonesia and Sri Lanka.

Ojeil added that Zakat House is planning to increase the list of the Islamic countries benefiting from the project.

The project aims at facilitating the operation of distributing the meat amongst the needy people.

The deputy director noted that about 7363 sacrifice which cost KD191,825 were distributed in 1987 in Jordan (camps), Lebanon, Bangladesh, Egypt, Sudan, Pakistan, Indonesia and India.

In conclusion Ojeil expressed hope that the project will expand and more citizens will participate in such human and religious service.

Airgun pellet imbedded for 17 years

A 22-calibre airgun pellet imbedded in the leg of a man since 1971 has been removed by doctors at the Sabah hospital.

Suleiman Al Awadi said, he and friends were bird-hunting in the south of Ahmadi when he felt a sharp stab of pain in his ankle which he overlooked. This year, the pain was unbearable and he visited the hospital, only to realise the sharp pain felt 17 years ago was caused by a stray .22 pellet fired from the gun of one of his friends.

Kuwait, Seychelles establish ties

KUWAIT and the Seychelles have established diplomatic relations at ambassadorial level effective from yesterday.

The two states agreed to appoint non-resident ambassadors "at the appropriate time".

Seychelles is an Indian Ocean island state, which won independence on June 29, 1976. The present President, France Albert Rene has been in office since June 1977.

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Precautions against meningitis

THE head of the Kuwaiti medical delegation to Makkah Dr Kamal Al Zanati, said that Saudi authorities have taken all precautions to counter any outbreak of meningitis during haj this year.

Regarding vaccination against meningitis, the official said that children under the age of two years will not benefit from it since they do not have the ability to form meningitis antibodies.

He also advised women who suffer from repeated cases of bleeding and depend on medicine to postpone their haj. Women in the first month of their pregnancy should also follow the same advice. Patients suffering from high blood pressure and kidney infections should also do likewise he added.

Incidentally, he said, some mental patients go for haj to ask for blessing.

Airport security at its peak

IN an interview with a local daily, the director of security at Kuwait International Airport Lt. Col. Faisal Al Yaseen stated that according to the words of HH the Crown Prince and Premier "Every citizen is a guard" and preserving of security at the airport was the responsibility of all.

The official added that security preparations at the airport reached a peak during this season in view of the increasing number of passengers. He welcomed any suggestions in this respect from citizens and residents of Kuwait and called for any suspicious acts to be reported to the police.

Al Yaseen disclosed that the problem of similar names arising at the airport among those listed as banned from travelling is being surmounted. This problem is attributed to a lack of particulars about people banned from travelling he added.

The director praised the co-operation between the airport security department, Kuwait Airways Corporation (KAC), Kuwait's Civil Aviation Directorate, Customs Department, Kuwait Company for Flight Services and the health office at the airport.

Sufficient flights for summer exodus

THE Minister of State for Services Affairs Issa Al Mazidi said Kuwait has arranged sufficient number of flights for passengers during the summer exodus. Adequate security measures have also been taken, he said.

He added that terminal No. 1 and 2 of Kuwait International Airport are sufficient to accommodate incoming and outgoing passengers.

The official said that authorities abroad responded to plans to establish safety and security to Kuwaiti planes and passengers in accordance with the Civil Aviation Authority's recommendations.

Al Mazidi underlined the fact that the ministry will issue a law to protect planes and fight terrorism and hijacking. The draft law is now being reviewed and in this connection, Kuwait had already signed an agreement with the USA to protect the civil planes and fight hijacking he said.

Stagnation

The minister disclosed that his ministry is reconsidering the bilateral agreements with some countries to develop the routes and added more bilateral agreements will also be signed with different countries in the field of civil aviation.

Recruitment of Egyptian teachers

THE Kuwaiti committee for contracting Egyptian teachers, headed by the director of Ahmadi educational centre, has started a two-week-long recruitment drive aimed at taking on a total of 1,500 Egyptian teachers to meet the ministry's requirements in various academic fields.

The cultural attaché of the Embassy of Kuwait in Cairo, Dr Abdullah Muharib, has said that the committee members are highly-qualified and more than equal to the task of determining the capabilities of prospective teachers in matters such as class management and teaching techniques, as well as that of evaluating the personal qualities essential to the teaching profession.

Bingo banned in Abu Dhabi

ABU DHABI, July 11, (Reuters): Bingo has been banned in the Gulf emirate of Abu Dhabi as contrary to Islamic teaching, Interior Ministry officials said today.

Thousands of dollars regularly changed hands at some bingo halls but recently the popularity among Muslims of this mild form of gambling has been criticised by the semi-official press.

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Indians cycling around the world

CAN there be communal harmony in India, or the world?

"Of course. Look at us. He is a Hindu and I am a Muslim. And there is no malice, hatred or rivalry — religious or otherwise — amongst us," says 25-year-old Taher Saleh Bahi Madraswala, one of two Indians cycling around the world. Their mission — world peace and harmony.

Taher, a Bohra Muslim, and his childhood friend 28-year-old Shriyans Kumar Jain, have been cycling around the globe since 1987. Both hail from Ahmedabad, once Mahatma Gandhi's home but now better known for the Hindu-Muslim riots that erupted from time to time.

They feel that most Indians live in relative harmony outside India but become "victims of vested interests at home."

Firm So, propagating lofty ideals in the hope that "people around the world would overcome the barriers of race, religion and colour," they pedal across rough terrain, sleep in the deserts and meet officials of the countries they have been visiting, and will be going to.

Their firm conviction, however hollow it may seem, is: "No matter what a person's

Mission: world peace

beliefs, the colour of blood is the same."

Not surprisingly what prompted them to embark on their peace mission, and adventure, were the "cries of women and children in our neighbourhood in Ahmedabad; what people did to each other should not be done," said Jain. In the early 1980s, they were involved in a Congress (I) peace committee, helping victims of communal hatred.

In early 1984, they sought the government of India's permission to cycle around the world. Three years later, they got the necessary papers and set out on their adventurous journey in February 1987 from Kenya, flying to Nairobi because Pakistan did not permit them to cycle across their territory.

So far, the duo have pedalled across Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda, Ethiopia, Djibouti, North Yemen, the UAE and Iraq. A journey totalling nearly 17,000 kilometres.

The spirit of adventure kept them going in Africa where they were nearly killed in a bloody ritual by tribals in Ethiopia. They were robbed of all their possessions and stoned for miles by children who could not identify themselves with two lone men in the wilderness. Ethiopia also gave them the best reception — the government provided a military escort for the cyclists and bore all the expenses of their stay in the country.

Donations

Indians living overseas and natives have been giving them a helping hand, donating generously towards their trip. They started with \$1,000 each, but have been getting handsome donations, spending nearly \$22,000 so far.

In Kuwait, they were put up by the Kuwait police at the Salmiya police station for a night. "The policemen were very good; they provided food and beds for us because we did not have a place to stay," they said. Now, they are staying with compatriots from Ahmedabad, and the Bohra community is raising money for their onward journey, which will take them to Bahrain, Saudi Arabia, Egypt and then on to Europe and perhaps to the US.

"We hope that the peoples of the world would join hands and make the dream of peace a reality," they say.

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On the road: Jain pictured on arrival at the Kuwait border



Taher with some Indian residents in the UAE.

Musical treat on BBC

A PERFORMANCE by a dead pianist, the UK premiere of an Australian piano concerto and, of course, the Last Night in its entirety, are some of the musical treats in store for listeners to the BBC World Service, which begins its coverage of the 94th season of the Henry Wood Promenade Concerts from London's Royal Albert Hall on Friday, July 22, 1988.

"What I find so fascinating about the Proms is the sheer size and variety of orchestras and soloists," says Dan Zerdin, Executive Producer, "World Service Music." "Where else would you get 31 orchestras all together in one season and from so far afield — Australia, France, Netherlands, USA? My only regret is that we can't broadcast all the Proms but we are broadcasting 29 of them, 20 of which will be live." The others can be heard in "From the Proms '88" on Sundays throughout the season with repeats on Tuesdays.

The 1988 Season of the Promenade Concerts opens on Friday July 22 when Sir John Pritchard conducts the BBC Symphony Orchestra with the London Philharmonic Choir, BBC Symphony Chorus and Bach Choir in Verdi's "Requiem" and ends with Andrew Davis, who takes over from Sir John Pritchard as Chief Conductor of the BBC Symphony Orchestra in

October, conducting the Last Night on Saturday, September 17.

Schumann's Symphony No. 4 in D minor and Mahler's "Das Lied von der Erde" with the BBC Philharmonic Orchestra, conducted by Kurt Sanderling, one time joint director of the Leningrad Philharmonic and Chief Conductor of the Berlin Symphony Orchestra (July 31, repeated 2 August, recording); Malcolm Williamson's suite "Our Man in Havana," with the BBC Concert Orchestra, based on Graham Greene's satire on inept intelligence operations, which gave Williamson the subject for his first opera (August 6); the UK premiere of Rose Edwards' Piano Concerto, with Leslie Howard, the Australian Youth Orchestra, conducted by Sir Charles Mackerras, all of whom are Australian (August 13); and of course the first performance at the Proms by a dead pianist: actually Percy Grainger on a piano roll playing Grieg's Piano Concerto in a minor (September 17, Last Night).

Recorded Proms will be broadcast in "From the Proms '88" on Sundays at 1515 and Tuesdays at 2315 starting from July 24 (all times GMT). An interview with Ross Edwards about his Piano Concerto can be heard in "Music Now" on Friday, August 12, at 0030, 0830 and 1715 (all times GMT).

tact Leena — 2469811, 9.30 am to 5 pm; Henry 3291909 am, 3717346 (pm) or Augustin 5746754, after 6 pm.

HOTELS

At the Sheraton
Dine in the luxurious setting of the Riccardo Restaurant and enjoy authentic Italian cuisine; music by the Sienna Duo.

The Hunt Room offers authentic English atmosphere and features a selection of the best grilled food; music by the solo harpist, Harp Dreams.

At Hambra offers authentic Lebanese cuisine every Sunday night; on Wednesday the restaurant features a choice of seafood specialties; every evening the Lords provides entertainment.

At the Hilton
La Palma has introduced a new 10-day lunch and dinner buffet cycle featuring a variety of Arabic and international dishes, soups, mezzes, salads and desserts to suit all tastes. Open daily from 6.30 am to midnight.

Beat the summer heat at the La Patisserie, offering ice cream creations, fresh fruit juice and fruit cocktail creations. Open daily from 10.30 am to 10.45 pm. In the evenings, listen to piano music played by the in-house pianist Richard.

At the Meridien
La Brasserie offers breakfast, lunch and dinner daily, featuring buffet or a la carte.

At Waha features melon promotion, offering watery, juicy and refreshing melon delights, until July 15.

Beat the summer heat with cool juices offered in the lobby lounge; musical entertainment is provided in the evenings.

At the Ramada

The Lobby Lounge is open daily from 10 am to 11 pm, offers a selection of refreshments in addition to coffee, tea and juice.

At Gandou Grill Garden, open from 7 pm to midnight, features a selection of grilled specialties.

At the SAS
At Buan and the Lobby Bar are featuring strawberry creations, such as strawberry meringue, a meringue bowl filled with fresh strawberries, a vanilla ice cream scoop and whipped cream. Fresh strawberry, served plain, also featured. The promotion continues until July 14.

At the Continental
The Gardenia, open from 7 am to midnight, offers dinner buffet on Thursdays; the buffet features grilled specialties. The Friday lunch features Indian, Arab and Continental cuisine. The Darbar offers an Indian buffet lunch daily except Fridays and a la carte for dinner.

At the Holiday Inn
Melon promotion featuring cool melon slices is being held at the hotel, until July 15. At Ahmadi Coffee Shop offers Continental and Arabic buffets for breakfast, lunch and dinner from 6 am to 1 am; a la carte also offered.

SPORTS

PBAK bowling tournament
The PBAK inter-commercial bowling tournament will be held in the second week of August. All companies wishing to participate are requested to register before August 7 at the 300 Club. For details call Sarah Macarimbang — 4843447.

TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

KTV 1

9.00 Holy Quran
9.30 Space Adventure: cartoons
10.15 Thamar Al Shok: Arabic serial, starring Tawfiq Abdul Munim Madoouli, Rashwan Tawfiq, Fatima Tabac, Ahsan Qala'awi.
11.00 News/Good Morning
11.15 Ablah Munira: Arabic serial, featuring Khalid Al Nafisi, Muna Jaber
12.15 Silver Spoons
1.00 News Summary
1.05 World News via Satellite
1.50 Songs
2.30 Fursan Al Hikmah: Arabic serial, cartoon series
3.35 Bill and Sebastian: cartoon series
4.00 World News via Satellite
4.20 Naar Taht Al Ramada: Arabic play, featuring Khalid Zaki, Ibrahim Khan, Faeza Kamal, Imad Rashad.

6.00 Cartoons
7.00 Summer 1988
7.15 World About Us
8.15 Hadidh Al Usbooh: religious talk
8.30 Wa Qalat Al Arab: "And the Arab said": Daily Arabic serial.
9.00 News in Arabic
9.50 Naar wa Dugqan: Arabic serial, featuring Sherihan, Mustafa Fahmi, Ahmad Badr.
10.50 Film Min Kitab: presented by Durriya Sharf Al Din, Suhail Ilyas.
12.35 News Summary/World News via Satellite: Holy Quran/Closedown.

KTV 2

4.30 Holy Quran
4.35 Rubik: cartoon series
4.55 Football match: Kuwait vs Algeria: Arab Cup
7.00 The Australian Ark: "North of Capricorn": Wildlife north of the equator.
8.00 News in English
8.30 You and the Law:

local programme
8.50 Magnum: "People vs Orphil Wright". Wright is on the wrong side of the law. Will Magnum prove his innocence? Starring: Tom Selleck.
9.30 Les Faucheurs de Marguerites: French series about aviation. Tonight's episode examines the developments in 1896.
10.00 Perfect Strangers: "My Lips Are Sealed." Larry insists on confidentiality and Balki takes him too seriously...
10.30 Movie Night: "Boom to the Moon." A soldier has two options: jail on a murder charge or boom to the moon.
12.08 News Summary/Magazine D'Actualite: Closedown.

Please note that programmes and timings are liable to change without notice.

RADIO PROGRAMMES

English

Tuesday
Morning
0800 Opening
0802 Songs and Music
0805 Thoughts in Islam
0830 News
0840 Songs and Music
0845 Daily Programme
0900 Songs and Music
0930 They Sold a Million
1000 Our Press Today
1005 Songs and Music
1100 Closedown
1330 News on FM Service
Evening
2100 Opening
2102 In the Latin Mood
2130 News
2145 Songs and Music
2155 Songs and Music
2200 On Islam
2215 In the Groove
2245 Daily Programme
2300 Hit Special
2330 Jazz in Action
2400 Closedown

BBC World Services

0000 World News
09 News about Britain
15 Radio Newsworld
30 Music in Australia (ex 26th Beethoven)
0100 News Summary followed by Outlook
30 Short Story
45 5th and 12th The Best Day of Your Life; 19th and 26th The Seven Ages of Shakespeare

NIGHT CHEMIST

Kuwait
Al Alamia Pharmacy
Jandol Bldg., Fahd Al Salem St.
Al Mojil Pharmacy
Mojil Bldg., Abdullah Al Mubarak St.
Hawalli and Nagra
Al Hina Pharmacy
Beirut St.
Salmiya and Rumaithiya
Al Dana Pharmacy
Shua'a Al Sabah Bldg., Amman St.
Fahadheel and Ahmadi
Al Abraj Pharmacy
Salman Dabbous Centre, Sinan St.
Khalitan
Al Tasamah Pharmacy
New Khalitan
Jahra
Al Noor Pharmacy
Abdulaziz Nasrullah Bldg., Matafi St.

0200 World News
09 British Press Review
15 Network UK
30 Pilgrim's Progress
0300 World News
09 News about Britain
15 The World Today
30 John Peel
0400 Newsdesk
30 A Schubert Anthology
45 Reflections
50 Financial News
0500 World News
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
30 New Ideas
40 Book Choice
45 The World Today
0600 Newsdesk
30 Counterpoint
0700 World News
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
30 5th and 12th The Best Day of Your Life; 19th and 26th The Seven Ages of Shakespeare
45 Network UK
0800 World News
09 Reflections
15 Health Matters
30 Music of the Royal Courts (ex 26th in Beethoven)
0900 World News
09 British Press Review
15 The World Today
30 The Financial News followed by Sports Roundup
45 Glyndebourne — The Early Years

FM Services

0800 Easy Listening
0830 News
0840 Easy Listening
1000 Songs and Music
1300 Easy Listening
1330 News
1400 Classical Music
1600 Easy Listening
1700 Italian Hour
1800 Pops
2130 News
2145 Pops
2200 Indian Classical Hour
2300 Easy Listening
2400 Instrumental Music
0200 Closedown

Urdu

1900 Opening
1910 Beheten Qaul
1916 Programme Preview
1920 Songs
1935 Press Report
1940 Radio Club
2000 News
2020 Songs
2040 Jahan Numan
2100 Closedown

CINEMA TODAY

Al Andalus
Laila Al Kadd Ala Bakaiza
Wa Zaghoul (Arabic)
Starring: Suhair Babli, Issad Yunus
Al Salmiya
Police Academy IV
Al Hamra
The Last Shark
Starring: James Francisco, Vicki Morro
Drive-In
Al Marrah Wal Kanoon (Arabic)
Starring: Farouk Fishawi, Sherhan
Al Firdous
Shiva Shakti (Hindi)
Starring: Govinda.

Shatrughan Sinha, Kimi Kaikar
Fahadheel Open-Air
Shahenshah (Hindi)
Starring: Meenakshi Seshadri, Amitabh Bachchan
Al Fahadheel
Tiger Joe
Al Jahra
Aposh (Bengali)
Granada
Kathaku Pinnil (Malayalam)
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WHAT'S ON

ARTS

German Painting Exhibition

An exhibition of German paintings at the Kuwait Hilton Hotel, open daily until July 20. More than 30 paintings, representing the work of a group of German artists known as The Blue Rider, will be shown in the Hilton's lobby. The show has been organised by the German Embassy in Kuwait.

Tareq Rajab Museum

The museum in Jabriya houses a collection of Islamic arts, costumes and jewellery from the Muslim world. Summer timings are 9 am to 12 noon and 4 to 7 pm, Sat thru Thurs On Friday the museum is open only in the mornings.

Islamic Arts Museum

The museum, located on Arab Gulf Street, is open from 8.30 am to 12.30 pm and 4.30 to 7.30 pm, Saturday to Thursday. Some of the finest Islamic art objects are on show.

SOCIAL

Onam Festival

The Viswabarathi Theatres, Abbasiya, will celebrate Onam on Aug 25 at the Indian Arts Circle. IAC President M. Mathews will be the chief patron. The programme comprises Onam songs, Mohiniyattam, classical dances, Thiruvathirakali, folk dances, light music, one-act play, boat race and Kerala rural arts. Those interested in taking part contact Lazar Varghese 4314511; Thomas Preumpilly — 4810490 ext.



● Mango debut at the Sheraton: juicy mangoes make their debut at the Coffee Shop and Hunt Room. Chefs have prepared dishes featuring the mango. These include mango salad with sauteed duck breast, roasted baby chicken with mango curry stuffing and an array of desserts featuring the fruit such as fried pancakes with mango ice cream, mango sherbet with strawberry sauce. The mango week begins on Thursday, July 14. Above: some of the mango creations on offer at the hotel.

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German-speaking Cultural Association

The regular coffee mornings for ladies will continue on a small scale during the summer months. Coffee morning will be held on Sunday, August 7 at Kuwait Hilton's La Patisserie from 10 am on those days. All German-speaking women are welcome.

Summer Belle 88

The United Goans Centre will hold their annual Summer Belle 88 contest on August 11 at the SAS Hotel's The Tent. The gala event marks the 10th anniversary of UGC. Entertainment includes music by

Stepping Stones and City Limits. For further details contact Tony Gonsalves — 2612024 or Joe Fernandes 5655140.

Y.M.C.A.
The Y.M.C.A. will present the "Come September Ball" at the Kuwait Sheraton Hotel on September 1. Highlights include the selection of the Queen of Queens. Top Ranks will be in attendance. D'Assisi Association

The association will hold a social evening concert entertainment on August 11 at Messilah Beach Hotel. The event is part of the 40th anniversary of Indian independence. Top Ranks and Next of Kin will be in attendance. For details con-

EDITORIALS

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Thought for today

ASK yourself whether you are happy, and you cease to be so — John Stuart Mill, English philosopher-economist (1806-1873).

Lebanese presidential polls

Tension mounts among Christians

By Jim Muir

BEIRUT: The approach of presidential elections in Lebanon has aggravated tensions and rivalries among the country's Maronite Christians, which by tradition fill the presidency. The election should take place in time for the new president to be inaugurated in September.

Three major forces within the Maronite community are vying for influence and control: Phalangist militia units loyal to President Amin Gemayel; the fiercely anti-Syrian militia known as the Lebanese Forces, headed by Samir Geagea; and Christian-dominated units of the fragmented Lebanese Army, whose Commander, Gen. Michel Aoun, is seen by some as a serious contender for the presidency.

Among the most notable recent signs of tension were a face-off between the Army and the Lebanese Forces in early May, an attempt to assassinate the militia's Geagea two weeks later, and a late-May car bombing incident in Christian East Beirut that claimed a score of lives.

Political observers say the strains result from both competition for leadership within the community and foreign — particularly Syrian — pressures.

Boycotted
Syria and its Lebanese Muslim allies have boycotted the east Beirut Christian leadership since January 1986, when President Gemayel's followers banded together with Geagea's to oust the then Lebanese Forces leader, Elie Hobeika.

Damascus had bypassed Gemayel and persuaded Hobeika to sign a Syrian-sponsored Lebanese settlement with the Shiite and Druze militia chiefs. Geagea accused Hobeika of going too far with concessions to the Muslim community, while Gemayel is widely believed to have opposed the accord largely out of personal pique at his own exclusion.

Since his ouster, Hobeika has been based in the Christian town of Zahle, in the Syrian-controlled Bekaa Valley, plotting his return. He and his Syrian backers have frequently been blamed by the Lebanese Forces for car bomb attacks and assassination attempts in east Beirut.

The militia lost no time in charging that the Syrians and their local agents were behind a May 30 car bomb blast in east Beirut. It came only two days after Syrian troops were deployed in Beirut's southern suburbs to keep the peace between rival Muslim Shiite groups.

Kim Dae Jung changes his image

By Takashi Oka

SEOUL: Kim Dae Jung has come in from the cold.

Once the very symbol of fiery democratic and civilian opposition to a dictatorial military government, Kim today is the image of a sober, responsible parliamentary leader.

"Our people want stability," he said in a recent Monitor interview. "We cannot disregard our people's feelings."

Every day the National Assembly is in session, Kim takes his seat in the vast, domed building erected by his arch-enemy, the late President Park Chung Hee. Together, the three opposition parties outnumber the ruling Democratic Justice Party in the assembly, and Kim heads the largest of the opposition parties (the Party for Peace and Democracy, or PPD).

Kim Dae Jung seems to be on his best behaviour to prove that he can be a responsible opposition leader and that it will not be his fault if there is any breakdown in government-opposition communications. President Roh Tae Woo, as a minority President, rules with the sufferance of Kim and his two opposition counterparts — Kim Young Sam of the Reunification Democratic Party and Kim Jong Pil of the New Democratic Republican Party.

None of the Kims has made any move to try to unseat Roh. True, the nation is in a kind of political honeymoon until the

Seoul Olympics are over in October. But the basic structure and style of government-opposition relationships are now being established.

"At present," Kim Dae Jung said, "our attitude is to develop co-operation between the ruling party and the opposition — to develop smooth procedures, and also to liquidate past bad things (committed during under President Chun Doo Hwan)."

A significant part of Kim Dae Jung's support comes from students. But he draws a clear line between the liberal reforms he seeks and the extremism of the radical wing of the student movement — those who have been burning American flags or throwing firebombs at the police. "We seek moderate reforms," he said of his party. The PPD is "not conservative — rather it is 'centrist,'" he said, supporting both "the free market system" and "aspirations after social justice."

Kim Dae Jung agreed that anti-Americanism was rising among young people, especially students. Kim's own ties with the US politicians tend to be with Democrats, and he seems to be looking for a change in US policy toward Korea in the Democrats' win in November. "If America really changes its policy to impress our people that America is now supporting democracy, then anti-American feelings will almost all cease."

The Christian Science Monitor News Service.

By Alexander G. Higgins

WASHINGTON, (AP): US presidential contenders George Bush and Michael Dukakis differ sharply on policy toward southern Africa, the Middle East and Central America, but agree on their approach to much of the rest of the world.

Bush, in general, closely follows the policies of his boss, President Ronald Reagan, but Dukakis would abandon support for rebels in Angola and Nicaragua and side more closely with Israel on contentious Middle East issues.

Jesse Jackson remains in the Democratic Party race and is expected to put his mark on party policy at the July 18-21 national convention in Atlanta, though Dukakis is certain to walk off with the presidential nomination.

Bush is unchallenged in his bid for the Republican nomination at that party's convention on Aug. 15-18 in New Orleans. Bush and Dukakis both call for improving conventional forces in Europe, while pursuing negotiations with the Soviet bloc for reductions in forces on both sides.

Aid

Bush warns against pushing Japan to build up its military beyond the country's constitutional limits, but all three candidates would like to see Japan giving more aid to developing countries.

Bush and Dukakis both reject protectionist trade legislation, saying the US president already has ample authority to force other countries to adhere to fair trade practices. Jackson would put emphasis on having US business invest more at home instead of "exporting" jobs to factories abroad.

There is a sharper Republican-Democrat contrast over Central America, with both Democrats opposing military aid to the Contras.

"What we are doing in Central America violates international and US law," Dukakis said. "Contra aid must end."

By contrast, Bush has promised, "I will not abandon the Contras."

Jackson says, "Central American countries are capable

of addressing the problems of the region."

Bush, for the most part, endorses the policies the administration has pursued over the last seven years toward southern Africa. He wouldn't recommend additional sanctions against South Africa, but also wouldn't repeat those imposed by Congress in 1986.

Jackson and Dukakis both want additional sanctions against Pretoria if South Africa doesn't end its state of emergency, release political prisoners, remove the ban on the African National Congress and enter into negotiations to repeal apartheid laws. They, however, also oppose a complete diplomatic break with the South African government.

Embargo

Dukakis has agreed to Jackson's demand that the Democratic platform include a provision calling for the government to name South Africa as a terrorist state, a move that would trigger a total embargo on trade with Pretoria.

As for Angola, Dukakis and Jackson both want to stop aid to the UNITA rebels led by Jonas Savimbi and would extend diplomatic recognition to the Marxist Angolan government.

Bush supports aid to the rebels as a way of blocking Soviet encroachment in Africa.

Here is a more detailed look at some statements on foreign policy made by the candidates in debates, speeches, surveys and interviews.

Europe

BUSH: "Although under present circumstances, no changes in the present level of our commitment are anticipated, as president I would explore with the Congress, our allies and the Warsaw Pact reductions that would result in equal levels of conventional forces in Europe."

"Our commitment to the defence of Western Europe is at the very heart of our defence strategy, and it is absolutely essential that we maintain and continually improve our conventional deterrent against aggression."

DUKAKIS: "The defence of Europe

Bush closely follows Reagan



Michael Dukakis

remains our overriding security consideration...

"I do not anticipate calling for unilateral reductions of US troops overseas. But opportunities exist for multi- and bilateral conventional reductions, and nowhere are the prospects more promising than in Europe. But if negotiations do not work, we must make it clear that we are determined to build a conventional military capability that is tough and strong and versatile and equal to the task of defending Europe."

"My top priority... will be to improve our conventional defence... more than 40 years after World War II, that job still begins with the defence of Europe. I am confident that enhancing our conventional deterrent in Europe is possible if our allies are willing to do their share... That means converting three light Army divisions assigned to the defence of Europe to heavy divisions so that we can prevent a disastrous breakthrough of our forward line of defence."

JACKSON: "My first move would be to freeze the defence budget, unless there was evidence of a serious threat... our allies in Europe must assume greater responsibility for their own conventional defence. We spend some \$150 billion a year on the defence of Europe and Japan. In Europe, our allies have 1/1-2 times the population and more than twice the gross national product of the Soviet Union. They can share more of the burden."

"We must give high priority to engaging our European allies. The Reagan-Bush foreign policy is one of unilateralism — our



George Bush

allies are informed of actions already taken, rather than consulted on decisions yet to be made."

Middle East

Bush follows Reagan administration policies closely. Earlier in the campaign, Dukakis took a similar stand, but in recent weeks he has increasingly adopted pro-Israel positions.

Bush would continue seeking Arab-Israeli negotiations on the range of issues that divide them, including the status of occupied Jerusalem.

Dukakis has refused to rule out a Palestinian state, saying that should be determined by negotiations between Israel and its neighbours, but he would depart from more than two decades of US policy and say all of occupied Jerusalem is Israel's, including the predominantly Arab section conquered in the 1967 Six-Day War. He also believes the United States should move its embassy there from Tel Aviv.

Jackson supports a Palestinian homeland, but has distanced himself from the Palestine Liberation Organisation by saying that allowing extremists at the bargaining table would be a "formula for catastrophe."

Japan

BUSH: "In light of our enormous trade imbalance, there is growing tension within the United States about the so-called 'free ride' that Japan is getting on defence. I want to see this prosperous country do all it possibly can within its constitutional constraints to help defend itself and the rest of the free world. I do not believe, however, that Japan should be



Jesse Jackson

pushed to go beyond its current rate of expansion for its own national defence. Japan's neighbours, more than 40 years after World War II, remain very sensitive to the issue of Japanese rearmament.

"Instead I would ask the Japanese and the Koreans to help us support freedom and development in other ways... for example, in the Philippines."

JACKSON: "We should be encouraging Japan not to build more weapons, but to use its resources to take the lead in creating new development funds for the Third World."

DUKAKIS: "He has said he would try to negotiate a trade agreement with Japan that accommodates both nations. He also called on Japan to increase its aid to developing nations. 'I would also hope that Japan could do a great deal in Third-World countries with its surplus,'" he said.

Use of force

BUSH: "Our role in the world is to promote peace, but not peace at any price. Our main objective is the maintenance and establishment of governments committed to freedom and democracy, governments that respect human rights and the sovereignty of their neighbours... our foreign policy is designed to prevent the necessity of using military force. I can assure you, however, that I will not hesitate to use our military forces should the need ever arise."

DUKAKIS: "I will use military force only as a last resort, but I will never hesitate to use force if it is essential to defend our vital interests."

protect American lives, honour our treaty commitments or apprehend those who have committed international crimes against our citizens."

Trade

BUSH: "Americans want a fair deal when it comes to trade. We need a strategy that ensures both free and fair trade. In cases where trade is not fair, we must continue to vigorously enforce our trade laws."

DUKAKIS: "I'm for more trade, not less. The president has ample authority to combat unfair trade practices. He should use it. As president, I would..."

Jackson has said the trade legislation approved by Congress is "inadequate." He said solving the trade deficit will require increasing US productivity as well as "controlling US-based multinationals which close US factories and take jobs overseas... (and) increasing Third World living standards so they can buy more from us."

US bases abroad
Dukakis and Bush agree they would seek to preserve US bases overseas, saying they serve not only American security but the defence of allies.

"Maintaining the integrity of our foreign-base structure is essential for achieving US foreign policy," Dukakis has said.

But both candidates have acknowledged limits on the extent of US bases abroad.

"In a time of massive budget deficits, we must set clear priorities, and we must decide on the funding for each of our bases worldwide on a case-by-case basis," said Dukakis.

Bush has acknowledged that some of the opposition to US bases in certain countries comes from "legitimate political forces within the host country or from a changed perception of the threat to their security."

In such cases, he said, the United States must negotiate "to find a way to satisfy our and their concerns while making every effort to meet the security needs of both countries."

Bush singled out the US facilities in the Philippines as "the most important American bases in the Pacific."

Afghan war lures foreigners

By Lai Kwok Kin

QUETTA, Pakistan, (Reuters): "I hate communism. I came to Afghanistan to kill Russians," said Andreas, a West German with shoulder-length brown hair and tattoos on his arms.

Andreas, 28, who would not reveal his full name, fought with Muslim rebels against Soviet forces inside Afghanistan for 30 months before laying down his rifle to help provide humanitarian aid to Afghans inside and outside their country.

He is one of at least several dozen foreigners who have helped the mujahedeen guerrillas battle Soviet forces sent to Afghanistan in December 1979.

Europeans, Americans and Arabs, they came as adventurers, volunteers for the "jihad", the Muslim holy war, or simply because they hated communism.

Neither rebels nor volunteers could say exactly how many of

these men have sneaked into landlocked Afghanistan to join the war, nor how many have died.

But guerrillas and volunteers living in the western Pakistani city of Quetta, bordering Afghanistan, think there could be up to a dozen of them still fighting despite the Soviet pullout.

Withdrawing

Moscow started withdrawing its more than 100,000 troops in mid-May under a United Nations-mediated accord between Afghanistan and Pakistan. They are due to leave by February 1989 under an agreement guaranteed by Washington and Moscow.

Andreas, known to the mujahedeen by his Muslim name "Ahmadjan", is now based in Quetta with West German aid group providing medicine and medical equipment inside Afghanistan and in refugee camps in Pakistan.

He said he makes regular trips into Afghanistan to oversee the transport of supplies to three clinics and supervise staff there. Born in East Berlin, Andreas was jailed at the age of 16 for trying to sneak over the Berlin wall into West Germany. On release, he was arrested and jailed twice more, once for leading a demonstration.

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He finally got out legally in 1982 and was given a West German passport. Two years later, he sold his television set, video-recorder and furniture and left for Pakistan to make contact with the mujahedeen.

Andreas rose to second-in-command of a force operating near the southern Afghan city of Kandahar and says he believes he has helped kill between 20 and 25 Russians.

"That is one of the reasons I do not want to give my full name. The secret services of the Soviet Union, East Germany and Afghanistan are all after my blood," he said.

"I like the mujahedeen. I wanted to help a small country defeat a superpower. I did not want to see Afghanistan becoming another Soviet republic."

Andreas returned to West Germany last year and was asked by a humanitarian group to head its work inside Afghanistan.

Michael Lindblat, a 39-year-old from Copenhagen, originally entered Afghanistan to photograph the war for a book but ended up swapping his camera for an AK-47 rifle.

Lindblat interviewed recently before he left for Copenhagen, said he had fought alongside the mujahedeen for a total of six months over a two-year period.



Michael Lindblat, a 39-year-old Dane, originally entered Afghanistan to photograph the war for a book, but ended up swapping his camera for an AK-47 rifle when he saw the mujahedeen guerrillas were not firing their artillery properly. (Reuters wirephoto)

US protection fails to stop attacks

By Barry Schwed

WASHINGTON, (AP): Expansion of US naval power in the Gulf has left leading members of Congress uneasy, their concern heightened by the destruction of an Iranian commercial jetliner with 290 people aboard.

Even with the US presence, attacks on commercial shipping in the waterway have increased and efforts to end the eight-year war between Iran and Iraq have faltered.

Yet to be determined are the long-term consequences for American policy in the region.

"The United States has unilaterally assumed the role of policeman in the Gulf," said Sen. Claiborne Pell, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. "Our naval forces are protecting shipping in some of the world's congested waterways, and under heavily trafficked skies."

A number of Arab countries normally hostile to Iran have condemned the downing of the plane despite US assurances that it was an accident.

Protect

President Reagan has persisted in defining as his main aim in the Gulf protecting "the right of navigation in international waters," and his policy has the support of a number of allies and prominent Americans.

"I happen to think it's correct," said Zbigniew Brzezinski, who was President Jimmy

Carter's National Security Adviser. "It's designed to keep the Russians out and to keep the Iranians from winning."

The US ships are keeping an eye on the 7.7 million barrels a day of oil that pass through the tense Strait of Hormuz.

The Navy has fired on Iranian helicopters and destroyed oil installations and been the victim of collisions with mines and a tragedy second in scope only to the Airbus disaster: the May 17, 1987, misdirected attack by an Iraqi war plane that killed 37 American sailors aboard the US frigate Stark.

By protecting merchant ships, the United States seeks to curb Iran's ability to conduct a "tanker war" as a pressure tactic against Iraq and its Arab allies.

Attacks

In the meantime, Tehran has not bowed to US demands that it enter negotiations and attacks on ships in the volatile Gulf region have increased.

According to the Centre for Defence Information, a private research group, there have been 194 attacks on commercial vessels in the area since last July 22, when the first convoy of tankers carrying US flags moved through the Gulf. Iran carried out 104 of the attacks and Iraq 80, Brian McCarten of the centre said.

Over the same period a year earlier, there were 115 attacks: 52 by the Iranians and 63 by the Iraqis.

Sen. Pell urged consideration of a UN naval peace-keeping force to protect nonbelligerent shipping in the Gulf. "It could enhance Gulf security while reducing risk of future tragedies," Pell said.

The proposal has the endorsement of Cyrus Vance, secretary of state in the Carter administration, and Elliot Richardson, a former undersecretary.

Reflagging

Another former undersecretary of state, George Ball called the reflagging of tankers an example of "the vice of unilateralism" and said the Reagan administration should have accepted a Soviet proposal for UN naval forces.

The proposal was rejected "and now we see the consequences of that," Ball said by telephone from Princeton, New Jersey.

Sen. Brock Adams, a member of the Foreign Relations Committee, suggested a varied approach. He said in an interview Friday US ships should protect American merchant vessels, British warships protect their nation's cargoes, and so on.

"What we've had is a great escalation, and we only get 10 per cent of our oil from the Gulf, and a tilt toward Iraq," Adams said.

With the US Navy admittedly in a combat zone, Adams said, the Reagan administration should formally invoke the War Powers Act giving Congress the

power to decide whether the warships should remain there.

This concern was clearly heightened by the downing of the Iranian jetliner. But even last November, the staff of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee warned: "The United States seriously risks being drawn into war in the Gulf. Although the stated purpose of the large American fleet in the region is narrowly defined — to escort US-flagged vessels through the Gulf — this mission, given the circumstances, is dangerously nebulous."

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TODAY IN HISTORY

- 1799 — Political associations are banned in Britain.
- 1806 — Confederation of the Rhine is formed under protection of France, uniting Bavaria, Wurttemberg, Mainz, Baden and eight lesser principalities.
- 1869 — Parliamentary system is adopted by Napoleon III of France.
- 1902 — Australia's parliament passes Immigration Restriction Act and gives women the vote.
- 1943 — Soviets launch counteroffensive against Germans at Orël Salient in World War II.
- 1957 — Prince Karim, 20-year-old student at Harvard University, becomes Aga Khan and leader of 20 million Ismaili Muslims following death of his grandfather.
- 1960 — France agrees to independence of Republic of Dahomey, Niger, Upper Volta, Ivory Coast, Chad, Central Africa and the Congo.
- 1967 — Chinese communists mobs in Hong Kong wreck government building and attack police in most violent of four days of anti-British rioting.
- 1971 — Orangemen in Northern Ireland march in city streets to celebrate half century of Protestant rule.
- 1973 — US pilots fly heavy air strikes against Cambodian insurgents as fighting is reported south and west of Phnom Penh.
- 1977 — US President Jimmy Carter goes on record as favouring development of neutron bomb, saying it would provide flexibility because of its less destructive effect.
- 1987 — Lebanon's Justice Minister Nabih Berri calls for declaration of "economic state of emergency" to cope with nation's worst financial crisis in 12 years of civil war.

By Walter Schwarz

INTELLECTUALS in India have at last begun thinking about the state of their environment. And their thoughts will reverberate well beyond the subcontinent. The facts are horrific in themselves: flood, drought, erosion and desertification — all manmade — now threaten to cancel out the progress brought about by four decades of economic development.

But the implications of these revelations are still more disturbing. For "development" itself — in the shape of mining, of modern irrigation that relies on dams and tubewells, of forests that are cut down, and of advanced agriculture that depends on chemical fertilisers and pesticides — is causing the damage.

In response to this dawning realisation that some kinds of assisted progress bring fresh dangers in their train, Indian environmentalists and Gandhians are now joining other development critics in Latin America and Africa to look for what they call a "new paradigm" to halt the development rat-race. They look to decentralised, unofficial action by villagers to care for their needs and husband their natural resources, using technology appropriate to their needs.

Ceiling

Some go further. "How does one tackle the monster that has been created?" asks Rajni Kothari, who runs an anti-development think-tank called Lokayan. "The only way is to put a stop ceiling limit on development."

At a recent meeting of the Society for International Development, Kothari argued that India's powerful and growing middle class is the principal obstacle to a new development model. "But we must have dialogue not confrontation: many people in the development business have their own doubts."

He points with approval to communities in the state of Karnataka where people have used traditional village government (panchayats) to plan their economy, shunning large-scale development and rediscovering old wells and ponds.

Another Lokayan member, Professor Dhirubhai Seth,

speaks of development as a "permanent promise which cannot be realised, an illusion in which everyone participates." Rejecting the "Third World" concept, with its implication that it must catch up with the first and second worlds (the West and the Communist bloc), he calls for a "fourth type of society that must arise from among the untouchables of development."

Alternative

Lokayan members point out that what the UN refers to as non-governmental organisations (NGOs), which used to be applauded as an alternative, have now been harnessed into service as a more efficient "delivery service for development" than government agencies.

NGOs have also been criticised by Latin Americans involved in the development debate. Gustavo Esteva, an economist from Mexico, told a "grassroots initiatives group" meeting in Delhi that while many NGOs had "collected the best rhetoric of the Fifties and Sixties," the clamour for popular participation, people empowerment, decentralisation and local control and the new concept of "eco-development" — this was all more of the same. It arrived, he said, "with a new wrapping that gives the old myth a more poisonous effect." He rejoiced in the fact that the world recession, by slowing down the arrival of development aid, was "allowing us to protect ourselves and deconstruct the whole development delusion."

These new grassroots developers have a new vocabulary. They talk about "issues of action," about networking, survival, resistance, and about regeneration from the ravages of development. They applaud localised water management, using traditional methods including check dams and storage ponds. They encourage tree conservation and planting, organic farming and the use of biogas as energy.

Manfred Maxneef, a Chilean economist who is a leading critic of development, calls for "a society that can reproduce itself without destroying itself." He says that Third World countries have to work towards "a coherent society that would not be a caricature of something else. It must con-

Development: a threat to progress

tain conditions for people to make decisions; it must be a society that learns from experience — which a repressive, authoritarian society can never do."

Luxury

Planners in New Delhi, applauded by most local intellectuals, used to consider that care for the environment was a luxury a developing country could hardly afford. Ecological arguments were suspect; they were seen as a neocolonialist device for preventing poor countries from catching up with rich ones.

Now it is dawning on them that the environment question is not about pleasant scenery and the quality of rural life, but about the drastic impoverish-

ment of the already extremely poor. A third of India's 266 million hectares of agricultural land has been turned into wasteland by erosion, waterlogging or salinity — the ill effects of deforestation and modern irrigation. Another third is degraded. The result is that in spite of huge reclamation works, the average Indian now has only a quarter of the agricultural land that was available at the time of independence 40 years ago.

Juggernaut

Indian officials are frank to the point of alarmism. "Environment is no luxury: the word invokes the sight of a woman in the Himalayas struggling for miles every day in

search of firewood," said T.N. Seshan, permanent secretary of the Ministry of Environment, talking in Delhi about the impoverishment of the poor.

He talks like a fatalist, a doomed gladiator for his cause against the juggernaut of development and the seemingly insuperable logic of population growth (more and more animals as well as people, as he wearily points out). He observes dispassionately that India is losing 10 million trees every 24 hours.

"When I argue that we should cut down on goals because they destroy trees, my colleague in rural development argues that the goat is the poor man's cow. So where do we begin? We always considered development as the primary

object of independence. Gandhi told us to go back to the villages, but we thought he had failed to understand the way the world had to develop."

Trees were worshipped in traditional Indian societies, but only now is it realised that there was method in the superstition. Trees not only provide fruits for people, fodder for their animals and fuel for cooking; they contain the monsoon torrents and guard the entire northern plain against flooding and erosion.

Until recently, officials measured "tree cover" by the amount of land officially registered as such — 25 per cent — and proclaimed that for the health of the nation this proportion should go up to 33 per cent. Satellite pictures have

now shown that actual tree cover is less than 11 per cent.

The result is annual floods, and unprecedented drought and erosion, as the monsoon waters rush unchecked down the plain. In a single decade the quantity of flood-affected land has doubled in India from 20 to 40 million hectares.

Ganga the river goddess, according to Hindu myth, was reluctant to come down to earth because of her immense power: it would be too destructive. She only agreed to come when Shiva, who lives in the Himalayas, agreed to tie her down by using the locks for his hair. The locks are the forests and, too late, Indian planners are rediscovering the truth behind the myth.

There is too much water: there is also too little. Much of India, urban as well as rural, faces an alarming drinking water shortage. Decades of power-pumping for "advanced" agriculture and industry have lowered the water table. Millions of wells have dried up or become saline as the sea moves in to fill the void — a catastrophe that, as ever, hits the poorest.

Groundwater

India's groundwater levels have sunk by 25 to 30 metres in a single decade. "At the national level, current patterns of agriculture development will outstrip water availability before the turn of the century," says a report by the Indian National Trust for Art and Heritage.

In the arid state of Rajasthan, the desert is advancing as relentlessly as in the African Sahel, yet poor farmers are selling their groundwater to industry. Sunderlal Bahuguna, a leader of the "Chipko" (tree-hugging) protest movement, says he is trying desperately to persuade the Rajasthan farmers to hold on to their water. Chipko, originally a women's movement based in the Himalayas, now has its counterparts in thousands of local groups formed to protect the environment.

Development, far from lifting India into the ranks of the affluent, is now coming to be seen as the latest and most ruthless form of colonial exploitation. (Significantly, the forests are managed on principles inherited from the British, who treated the forest as a resource to be exploited.)

The new colonialists are India's thriving, expanding middle class, rural as well as urban, who profit from industry and advanced agriculture without paying the true cost. Their allies are politicians and officials, down to the corrupt local police who are sent out to confront the ecology demonstrators. The whole process is kept in motion by the developed world through aid, investment and trade.

The issue has been helped to surface in India by Anil Aggarwal. Formerly an enthusiastic development engineer, he became disillusioned and turned into an environmentalist. When his Centre for Science and the Environment produced India's second "Citizens' Report" on the environment in 1984, the then Prime Minister, Rajiv Gandhi, was so impressed he asked Aggarwal to lecture to his cabinet and to every parliamentary committee.

Vicious

Rajiv scribbled a note to Aggarwal, as one convert to another surrounded by the still ignorant: "Can you give us a presentation with lots of visuals, charts, etc. The logic I have held them is that, with environmental degradation, even the low rainfall becomes a (flash) flood and the water washes into the sea taking the topsoil and then is not available as groundwater: thus, a vicious circle."

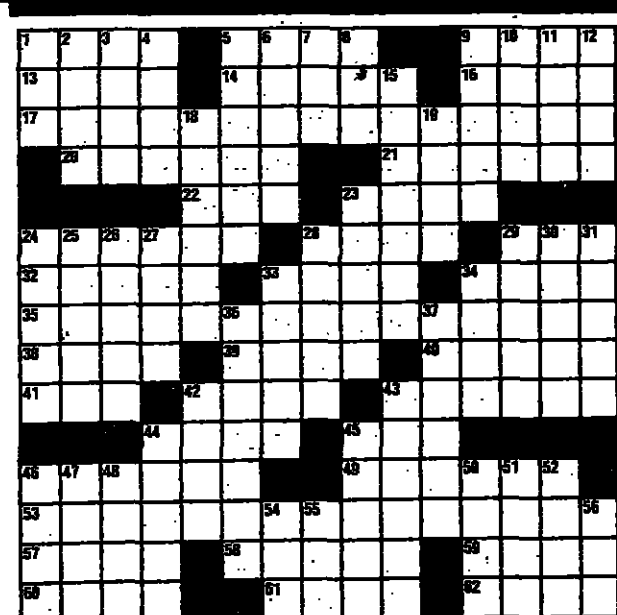
Rajiv established a Waste-lands Commission and launched a programme to plant five million hectares of forest a year. But the target is still far from being achieved. Effective planting barely equals the 1.5 million hectares being felled for industry and to make room for development. After his initial genuflections to ecology, Rajiv embraced computers and space technology, and the liberalisation of trade. These were thought to be quicker answers to India's problems.

Ironically, ecological ideas are more respectable in India than anywhere else, thanks to the Mahatma. But Gandhians, with their spinning devices, are considered quaint and outmoded, while Gandhian morality has been subverted by the effects of the caste system — which, perversely, has enabled the dominant classes to monopolise the fruits of development.



Traditional Indian life... working towards a coherent society that must not be a caricature of somewhere else.

TODAY'S CROSSWORD



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 - 34 Paltry
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 - 38 Lawyer, for short
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 - 12 Optimistic
 - 15 Actress Ann
 - 18 Catch -
 - 19 Not far at all
 - 23 Magpie's cousins
 - 24 Spread outward
 - 25 Winged
 - 26 Racetrack figures
 - 27 Irritable
 - 28 Cowboy or combat wear
 - 29 Harden
 - 30 German gun
 - 31 Cigar remains
 - 33 Not fancy
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 - 44 Run its course
 - 45 Jason's wife
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 - 48 Musical group
 - 50 Fauvet fault
 - 51 Rhapsodize
 - 52 Jewish month
 - 54 Stood for office
 - 55 Gone by
 - 56 Tolkien tree

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

SCAPA SPEAR SGT
ALGER MAGDA CLE
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STET ILES LUONA
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CONES COME TRAP
TOM STAYINALIVE
ERA ERNES DEPOT
DEIN DEAIRS EDENS

GOVERN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF
UNLOAD YOUR PROBLEM

Both vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH
♠ K Q 10 3
♥ K 8 2
♦ 9 5 4
♣ 9 6 3

EAST
♠ 8 6 5
♥ A 9 7 5
♦ Q J 7
♣ 10 6 3 2

SOUTH
♠ A J 7 2
♥ 6 4
♦ A K 8
♣ A K J 5

The bidding:
South West North East
1 ♠ Pass 2 ♠ Pass
4 ♠ Pass Queen of ♠

The lot of the defender is a difficult one. On occasion, however, you can foresee declarer's plan of attack. To give him a helping hand under such circumstances is above and beyond your call of duty.

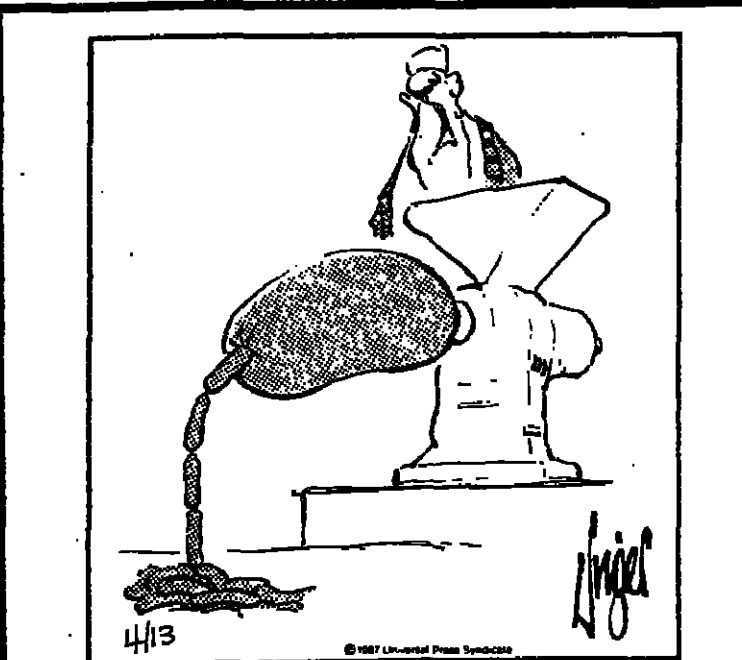
We are not enamored of South's opening bid. Holding two four-card suits, it is usually correct to open the one below the shortest. That alone would dictate an opening bid of one club. But there's another consideration here. With such a powerful hand, South should prefer to open as cheaply as possible to make it

easy for his partner to respond.

Against four spades West led the top of his heart sequence. Declarer ducked the first trick in dummy, then covered the continuation of the jack with the king, losing to East's ace. That worthy suspected, correctly, that no more heart tricks were coming his way, so he shifted to the eight of clubs. Declarer won the king and cashed the ace of diamonds. As a precaution, West unblocked the queen.

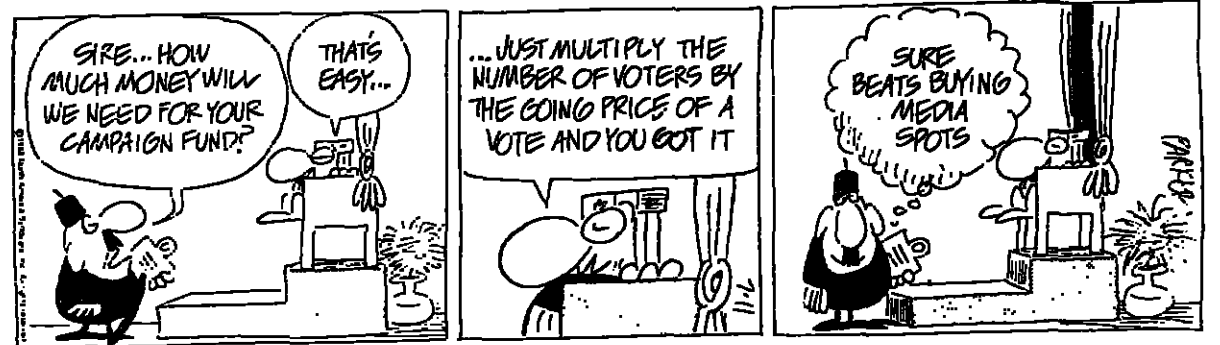
After drawing two rounds of trumps, ending in dummy, declarer ruffed the last heart and cashed the ace of diamonds. West could not miss declarer's blueprint of the looming endplay. His partner's shift to the eight of clubs had marked declarer with at least the ace-king-jack of the suit. If he also held the ten of diamonds, there was no beating the hand. The only chance was to jettison the jack of diamonds under the ace and hope partner held the ten.

West's fine defense left declarer without resource. East was able to win the third diamond and lead another club. No matter what declarer did, he still had to lose a club for down one. Had West allowed himself to win the diamond, he would have been tangled in a web of losing options, and the contract would have succeeded. Try it for yourself.



"Whadd'yer mean 'He's gone to lunch'?"

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YOUR STARS

Aries (March 20 - April 18)
You are under prevalently favourable influences. You will be able to make good progress with a project upon which you are engaged. Leave yourself with a little more time for your personal affairs. Be confident.

Cancer (June 21 - July 21)
You should make sure you do not quarrel with a person you do not much care for. You will have something to be pleased about, but not to any great degree.

Libra (Sept. 22 - Oct. 22)
You will be able to do something you enjoy doing. You will be more persuasive but you should not expect to get your way in all things. You will tend to be suspicious without good reason. Be a little more understanding.

Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan 19)
Do not let some small setback put you off your stride. There is no reason to become utterly discouraged. You should ensure you do not say one thing and then do something inconsistent with it. Be frank.

Taurus (April 19 - May 19)
You should do all you can to maintain your peace of mind. You will be able to solve a problem that has been bothering you. You should not rush in where have feared to tread. Be less demanding.

Leo (July 22 - Aug. 21)
You should ensure you have the time and energy before you take on any new commitments. Do not exercise to the point where you suffer from fatigue. You should try to the point where you suffer from fatigue.

Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)
You should not believe everything you hear. You should make up your mind immediately and then abide by it. Make sure you take regular exercise without straining yourself. Be moderate.

Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)
You have made the wrong decision but there is still time to correct it. An offer or proposal should be considered most carefully.

Gemini (May 20 - June 20)
Do not allow some small matter to get on your nerves. The prospects at work are good. Once you have made up your mind stick to it. Be generous.

Virgo (Aug. 22 - Sept. 21)
You will tend to be rather untidy and should take yourself in hand. Things are not quite as good as they seem. You should not believe all you hear. Be less conspicuous.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)
You will not be at your best and you should beware of being preoccupied. You should not to get in anyone's way. You should not allow your prejudices stand in the way of a fair assessment.

Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 19)
You should not try to do too many things all at once. You should have a little more faith in yourself. Your health is not as good as it should be and you should take better care of it. Be sincere.

By Gail Seery

WHEN I was offered my first job in data processing, I felt that I already had a good theoretical grounding in computing, and was eager to consolidate it through practical experience.

The course I attended had been pretty thorough, and I felt that I was ready — nay, well prepared for the rigours of the real world. Yet within hours of arriving at my desk on that first morning, all my fond illusions about working practices, techniques and even business itself were shattered. Nor is this sudden disillusionment uncommon; many a new recruit finds himself shell shocked when confronted by all the changes and updates to the accepted conventions and ritually imparted maxims.

This list of terms is intended as a supplement to more orthodox training courses, be they at universities, polytechnics, or just TOPS establishments. Starting with the very basics, which are often inadequately explained during conventional training, this article encompasses everything that anybody really needs to know about computing. Now read on.

Hardware: breaks if you drop it from a crane.

Software: doesn't.

Hardware manufacturers: although these do occasionally manufacture hardware, their main function is patenting the exact shades of colour they use for their equipment; these colours are then given silly names like "Hot Tango" or "Warm Waltz."

Another function is to claim that they have a new innovation which puts them years

ahead of their competitors. You should never be fooled by this, and on no account should you agree to buy equipment that has been in circulation for less than five years — because it simply won't work if you do.

Software manufacturers: pretty much the same as hardware manufacturers, except that here the main sphere of interest is interesting graphics for demo screens. A sideline being developed by many companies with great success is thinking up interesting new bugs, and remaining totally unhelpful and obstructive when they occur.

Sales: the most important, most significant, most vital thing in the world.

Sales blurb: at best this bears little resemblance to reality. At worst, a pack of lies.

Software consultancy: a company full of self-styled "experts" who have never been foolish enough to stay with any one company for long enough for their mistakes to be discovered. These companies specialise in compounding the mistakes made by the user company, and then saying, "well, think how bad it would have been if we hadn't been here to advise you".

User company: a company which foolishly uses a computer. Such a company is probably also silly enough to have a dp department.

Dp department: where a good many of us spend a great deal of our time. At first I wasn't too certain what "dp" stands for, but now I'm pretty certain that the "d" stands for "demented" which is fitting. I'm still working on the "p" but don't worry, no one is likely to ask you. Anyway, this is where

Computers: no joking matter

to seek work if you like panic, don't mind tearing out your hair, and get a kick out of banging your head against a brick wall. If the above job description doesn't suit you, then you should consider getting a job as an independent contractor, or a consultant, so that you can remain detached.

The dp department, and of course, its computer, are technically responsible for everything that goes wrong for the company. Unlike other departments, in which the manager is responsible for what goes on in his department, in the dp section it is customary to pass the blame first to the analyst, then to the programmer, then finally to the operator, who if sufficiently experienced, will blame a hiccup in the power supply. This passing of the blame is ritual and any criticism should not be regarded as personal.

Contractor currently working for the company: marvelous, a true professional who never made a mistake in his life.

Contractor no longer working for the company: a wally. Responsible for everything that happened during his contract, from the death of the junior programmer's budgie to the lamentable lapse in programming standards on a completely different system to the one he worked on.

Computer: confuser.

Dp manager: usually the best in the department at passing the blame. If his/her previous experience lay outside the department, he will specialise in

asking really inane questions like, "well why don't you test these programs before using them to corrupt the data on the users' only main disk?" and asking for really difficult things, like timesheets, to be done within days.

If he worked up through the department, then he will seldom bother you, as he will be absorbed in designing input layout forms, or recording programs. The really good dp manager will spend his time taking personal phone calls, reading Datalink, moaning that no one has made him any coffee, and playing golf, tennis and squash for the company (through rarely all at once).

Project leader: the scapegoat. Ideally he should be well versed in the art of magic, and thus able to ensure his project is completed on time, within budget, despite having had all his staff "borrowed" to work on a nice new system with plenty of three-dimensional graphics, to design a new patio for the managing director.

This person has usually served the company well for a number of years, and is likely to be the most professional and capable person you meet. He will probably have grey hair, though he may remove this in tufts from time to time. It is best not to talk too much to this particular individual, as too much sympathy is likely to provoke tears.

Systems analyst: the person responsible for getting the program specs wrong, not testing adequately, and for im-

plying that the user is an idiot if he is not completely delighted with the system the analyst cobbled together from some old listings, a back issue of "Popular Computing" and a piece of string.

Programmer: the person responsible for ensuring there are plenty of really nice bugs in his undocumented programs so that the user will feel an important part of systems development.

In the old days of full employment and rocketing salaries, it was customary to leave before the bugs were discovered, but now lamentably, many programmers do stay with the company long enough to put their own errors right. Many feel that this is unethical.

Operator: a card specialist. This job is best suited to social misfits who have difficulty pronouncing the word "yes," or to those who don't mind the peculiar hours (for example, vampires, werewolves, living dead — actually, the living dead make better systems programmers).

Systems programmers: should your system do a quiet belly flop at dead of night, this is the person who will tamper with it, have a good laugh and then ring you up to tell you about it. Annoyingly, they tend to know what they're doing — or better than you do, at any rate.

Analyst programmer: a schizophrenic with strong guilt pangs, who usually gets blamed for everything twice.

Systems design and develop-

ment: this is supposed to be what it's all about. Actually this is really just a ploy to stop the entire dp department writing programs to defraud the company of every penny it makes. This explains why users are so often content with dross, and why so many of us have to slog away at Cobol's data division instead of being allowed to play with nice report generators.

Implementation: what the dp department does to get revenge on the users for asking for such a stupid system in the first place. There are a number of rigid rules governing this.

1. This should always take place at least six months after it was originally promised. (Although it is the dp manager's job to invent excuses, it is permissible for him to consult the project leader who can probably fill a database with valid reasons for the delay.)

2. The system should always be inoperable, or else inadequate to suit the user's needs.

3. Most important of all, the users' only copy of the data must be corrupted during the first live run. Lamentably, some companies are lukewarm about this and allow security copies to be made first.

Security copies: only wimps use these.

Project planning and control: undeniably the most important aspect of any new project. This is the work that the project leader will take home at night for months. His superiors, who were clearly chosen for their sense of fun

rather than their intellect, will change the plans, due dates, staffing levels and so on without telling him. Interestingly, most project leaders are not good at guessing games.

Analysis and design: this should be carefully lost at the end of each working day.

Programming: unless absolutely necessary, the finished program should bear no resemblance to the original specification. The analyst is not an expert, whatever he thinks, and the programmer knows better. This is the opportunity to test out all those ideas you read on the Datalink letters page.

Flowchart: neither analyst nor programmer should ever be caught drawing, or using one of these. For a start they take all the hit and miss element out of it, and are therefore unsporting (see "security copies"). In the olden days it was considered acceptable to produce one on the back of a cigarette packet, but as smoking is now considered a filthy habit, the practice has been discouraged.

Programming techniques: these are a bad idea as they stifle individual programming flair. Should someone mention this phrase, strike back at once with a program full of GOTOs.

Procedure numbers: every program should have these, and it is the programmer's job to ensure that the procedures are not numbered sequentially, as this would make maintenance too easy.

Maintenance: hell on earth.

Data analysis: a useful term to account for the inordinate length of time between investigation and design, which you spent doing far more lucrative

work enhancing another system.

Enhancement: something you missed the first, or second time round.

Trouble shooting: a term you should use to describe enhancement if your user has been on a computer appreciation course.

Bug-fixing: use this term if the user used to be the dp manager.

Database: a useful term to use if you don't remember any file names.

Training: a way of making absolutely certain that your users don't understand a word you say. If you are doing this according to standard procedure their eyes should glaze over as soon as you start to talk.

Documentation: major works of contemporary fiction. No doubt the day will come when they are eligible for the Booker Prize.

Standards: joke.

File layouts: never trust one which is typed, as it will be the original version. The real one is sitting on a library somewhere, with a totally unlikely name.

Updates: these should be as obscure as possible. Try to cover your tracks by not changing the version number.

Emergency procedures: after you've mastered the above rules, nothing should ever go wrong, or at least, nobody should ever turn to you if it does. And anyway, emergency procedures are always useless because when it comes to it no one ever uses them.

You now know all you need to know in order to survive in the cut and thrust world of computing.

This is the second part of a series on biotechnology. The first part appeared yesterday.

By Robert C. Cowen

BOSTON — In Australia, Robert Searmark and his colleagues at the University of Adelaide are nurturing the seventh generation of pigs descended from animals with an extra growth-hormone gene. These pigs convert feed into meat 30 per cent more efficiently and reach market weight seven weeks earlier than do normal pigs. The researchers expect the pigs will be available to farmers within five years.

In the United States, the Framingham, Mass., company Integrated Genetics Inc., working with the National Institutes of Health, has given mice a human gene. The mice then produce milk enriched with the human TPA protein that dissolves blood clots. This points the way toward transforming milk-producing mammals into drug factories.

In Britain, where a similar trick has been done with sheep,

scientists with the Institute of Animal Physiology and Genetics Research in Edinburgh have taken a different tack. J. Paul Simons, M. McClenaghan, and A. John Clark gave mice a sheep gene that adds a major protein to the mouse milk. As they noted in their research paper published in Nature last August, this suggests that "gene transfer into dairy animals should be viewed as a realistic approach for the production of milk with enhanced nutritional value."

In these and other experiments, genetic engineers have come a long way in the seven years since Ohio University's Edison Animal Biotechnology Centre produced the first transgenic animal — a mouse with a rabbit gene. But they still have far to go before genetic engineering (the direct transfer of genes into and between organisms) has a major effect on livestock.

The technology for gene-tailoring animals is less advanced than it is for plants and microbes. That is why the public issues swirling around

this research have less to do with the testing and release of novel organisms than with the morality of tinkering with animals in this way — a subject taken up in part 3 of this three-day series.

Nevertheless, there is a consensus among the researchers that, as Richard D. Godown, president of the Industrial Biotechnology Association (IBA), puts it, genetic engineering "is a scientific tool that will help small and large farmers improve animal husbandry, will make agriculture more efficient and productive, and will widen the scope of medical research."

It is one of the major tools of what animal scientists consider a biotechnological revolution. It promises to improve the food quality and disease resistance of livestock, as well as their productivity. The term livestock includes fish and even

insects. Research teams in several countries are working to improve the genetic makeup of salmon. And, the IBA notes, some scientists talk of caterpillar farms producing medically useful human proteins.

Techniques for inserting new genetic material into animal germ cells are not as advanced as they are for plants and microbes. Much of the work is done by microinjection — a technique the Ohio University Edison Center first developed. Scientists insert new genetic material into a fertilized egg cell during early embryo formation. It works, but not very efficiently. In mice, 20 injected embryos typically produce eight live animals, of which only about a third express the new gene.

Animal designers could use something that would easily carry new genes into cells the way certain viruses and bacterial elements invade plant cells and microbes. A number of laboratories are working to develop such "vectors," as biologists call them.

Meanwhile, Lyman B. Crittenden and Donald W. Salter, at the US Department of Agriculture's East Lansing, Mich., research station, have done something akin to this. Last year, they reported artificially inserting genes from a virus into chicken eggs. The chickens then passed on the new genes to offspring.

The chicken is an obvious target for genetic improvement. It has great food value and reproduces rapidly. One "super" chicken can soon have lots of offspring. Genetic manipulators, however, have found the animal hard to work with. Generally, the developing embryos have not taken up genes inserted into fertilized eggs. So getting viral genes successfully into chickens was a

minor breakthrough. "(It) brings closer the day when geneticists can custom-design chickens to resist disease, lay bigger eggs, or have other traits valued by producers," Dr Crittenden said in his announcement.

So too does the work of Margaret Perry at the Institute of Animal Physiology and Genetics in Edinburgh. She reported the birth of the world's first test-tube chicken earlier this year. That means that she has learned how to start an embryo growing in a jar, transfer it to an eggshell, seal this up in a container, and have the chick develop normally. This will allow scientists to micro inject new genes directly into chicken embryos at the single cell stage.

as they now do with many other animals.

In fact, animal genetic engineers depend heavily on the other major tools of their biotech revolution — embryo culture and transfer, cloning, and artificial insemination. It would be hard to do much with gene transfer itself if these other techniques were not already developed. In the United States alone, there were some 150,000 embryo transfers in 1985 last year. Many of the embryos had been frozen. This allows the potential offspring of a valuable cow eventually to be born of foster mothers. Artificial insemination, by which a single superior bull may service 100,000 cows a year on average, is another proven technology.

Thus, the genetic engineer can put new genes into a cell knowing that the resulting embryo can be transferred to a foster mother and brought to term. If this leads to improved traits, the male line, artificial insemination can quickly spread the advantage.

Another way of multiplying a new gene line is through embryo cloning. Embryos can be split in two to provide twins. Alternatively, an embryo can yield several cell masses that then develop into complete embryos. Steen Willadsen, now at the University of Calgary, Canada, who pioneered embryo cloning for domestic animals several years ago, has cloned lambs and calves experimentally.

More recently, Neal First and his colleagues at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, cloned female calves. Their process involved trans-

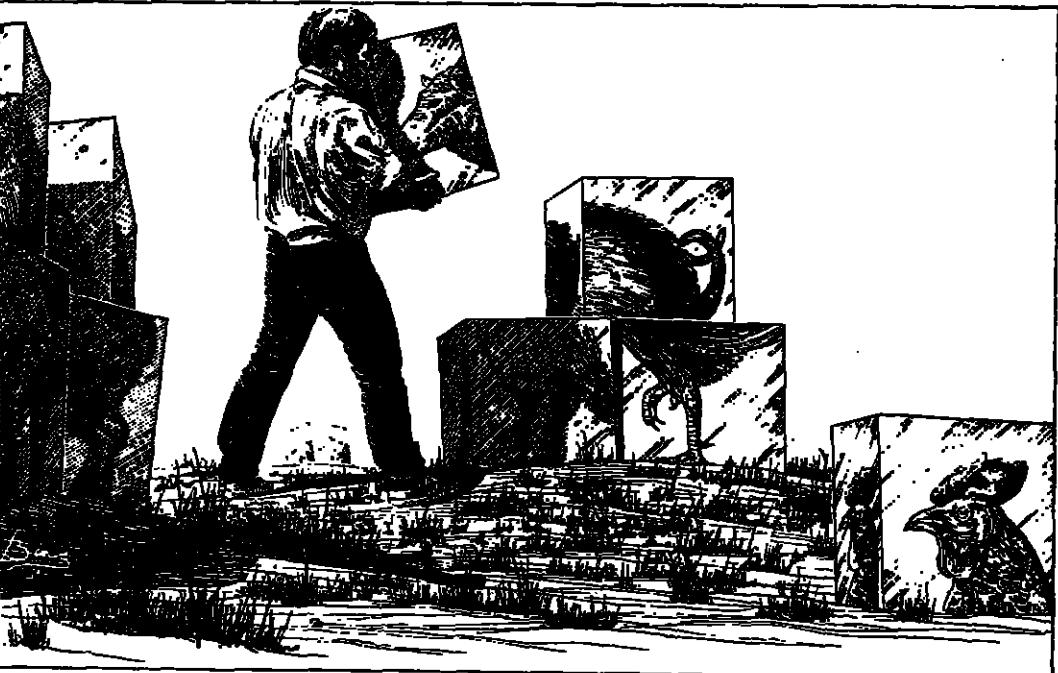
ferring nuclei from the cells of multi-cell embryos into single-cell embryos. After initial development, these new embryos were transferred to cows that then gave birth to the identical calves. The Madison lab also produced the first calf that developed from an egg fertilized and matured in the laboratory before being implanted in a cow.

Biologists such as Dr First, who are developing these techniques say they do indeed believe they are at the beginning of a revolution in animal husbandry in which genetic engineering will be a key factor.

Before that happens, however, they have to improve their techniques. And, as First explains in the accompanying interview, this new opportunity challenges them to get a deeper understanding of the animals themselves.

To be continued

Designer plants and animals



FAMILY DOCTOR
By DR ALIAN BRUCKHEIM

LACK OF OXYGEN TO HEART MUSCLES CAUSES ANGINA

QUESTION: What causes angina? Is it anything like a heart attack?
ANSWER: Angina is chest pain caused by a lack of oxygen to the muscles of the heart. This occurs when there is a narrowing of the coronary arteries, the arteries that provide oxygen and nutrients to the muscles of the heart. This narrowing may be due to either a spasm of the artery walls or to atherosclerosis, the partial clogging caused by deposits of cholesterol.

Yes, angina may be related to a heart attack. In angina, the partial cutoff in blood supply to the heart usually reverses itself and the pain goes away; the heart muscle is not damaged. If the coronary arteries become completely closed off or blocked, then the area of the heart which can no longer receive oxygen or nutrients is permanently damaged and dies and that is a heart attack.

Nitroglycerin tablets or preparations are commonly used to treat angina. If angina pain lasts more than 30 minutes and if taking nitroglycerin does not make the pain go away, get medical help immediately. Although angina may be a warning sign for a

heart attack, many people who suffer from occasional angina never suffer a real attack.
QUESTION: What causes diverticulosis?
ANSWER: Diverticulosis is a condition of the large intestine. Instead of the intestine being a relatively smooth tube of thin muscle, it has numerous small pouches or protrusions called diverticula.

Most people develop diverticulosis as they get older. Ten per cent of people older than 40 have it and 50 per cent of those older than 60 have it. Diverticulosis is usually not a problem, unless the diverticula become infected or inflamed, which is diverticulitis.

Diverticulosis is thought to be caused by the pressure of food and gas within the large intestine. This pressure causes weakened spots on the intestine wall to pouch outward. Chronic constipation or use of stimulant laxatives are linked to increased pressure within the intestine and to formation of diverticula. A good diet that is high in fibre and includes plenty of fluids may help prevent diverticula from forming, because such a diet also helps prevent constipation.

QUESTION: What is better for stiffness, heat or cold?
ANSWER: If you suffer from stiffness after exercise or due to arthritis, either heat or cold, or a combination, may help. Experiment a bit to find out what works best for you.

Heat can relax joints and muscles and relieve pain. A warm shower or bath may help you loosen up before exercise, so that you can move more easily. After exercise, you can use a whirlpool, hot pad, electric blanket or hot towel to apply warmth to a specific location. Keep the heat source on for 20 minutes for the best results and make sure it is comfortable, not hot.

Cold helps some people relieve stiffness in joints. You can use an ice bag or improvise with a bag of frozen peas. Leave the cold pack on for 10 to 15 minutes.

You also can try alternating hot and cold for a stiff arm or leg. Soak the limb in a warm bath for a few minutes, then switch to cold water. Repeat this a few times and finish up with a warm-water soak.

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By Robert C. Cowen

BOSTON: Animal scientist Neal First is enthusiastic about the potential of genetic engineering. But the University of Wisconsin biologist notes that there's more to it than just laying out the genetic blueprint for a better chicken or a superior cow.

As things stand now, genetic engineers can insert new genes into sheep, pigs, and other species and have them become part of an animal's genetic makeup. Yet the results aren't always what they expect. Thus, for animal scientists the challenge of genetic engineering is also a challenge to learn more about creatures with which they have long been familiar. In the process, they are exploring techniques of reproduction that may help preserve rare species.

Dr First explained this challenge in a telephone interview.

Question: How soon can we expect the supercow?

Answer: I think the potential is very high in terms of tailormaking livestock to what the consumer market situation and the economic situation is at a particular time. We have to remember that, because we're doing this through the genetics of the animal, the time interval for a species with long generation intervals is going to be long. And so it's going to take a long time to understand by experimentation the process we

Creating a supercow

want to change, even after we've made the transgenic animal. And then it's going to take an even longer time before we actually have those genes in an animal... (that is) in high production.

Question: Does this take longer than normal breeding?

Answer: No, it doesn't take longer than normal breeding. But you have to have a normal breeding cycle to do the tests — at least one, maybe two. And then you have to have a normal breeding cycle in order to produce the animal. And then, if you only produce one or two (animals), you have to have quite a few normal breeding cycles or some propagation method like artificial insemination to bring them up to (useful) numbers... in a hurry.

Dr First explained this challenge in a telephone interview.

Question: How soon can we expect the supercow?

Answer: I think the potential is very high in terms of tailormaking livestock to what the consumer market situation and the economic situation is at a particular time. We have to remember that, because we're doing this through the genetics of the animal, the time interval for a species with long generation intervals is going to be long. And so it's going to take a long time to understand by experimentation the process we

they're being done. For a species like cattle, where the value of the embryo is extremely high... and the (gene transfer) methods are not very efficient, the prospects are going to be much slower.

So I guess our approach is that we need better methods.

Question: What sort of methods?
Answer: Well, the methods that are needed are really in the area of better methods for (gene) transfer. The inefficiencies fall in two parts. They fall in part in doing the transfer of the gene — getting it integrated and expressed (in the animal). But they also fall in the reproductive steps — how to go from one cell to an animal.

So if that embryo is extremely valuable, you don't want to risk the chance that it's not going to be a limitation.

Question: Are pigs the best animals to work with right now?

Answer: Because the pig is litter-bearing and it has short gestation and its reproductive characteristics are such that you can get a lot without a lot of cost, you could use inefficient methods and still make them work.

If you have one embryo and it's worth a lot of money, then that's a different economic picture.

Question: What improvements are we actually talking

about? Is it better food value in meat, disease resistance, more milk production?

Answer: You're probably talking about all of those eventually.

I don't know (which will be first). And I say that in all honesty, because the first genes, of course, that people were putting in were genes that involved growth and feed efficiency. Both these have been genes placed in animals now for disease resistance. And some of those have gotten to the testing stage.

What's going to be useful will come out of an understanding of the animal's physiology and predicting results, to determine if it (gene transfer) makes a predicted change. For example, we might want more tender beef. So we're going to target something in the skeletal muscle.

Question: Is that why you say genetic designers need to know more about animal physiology?

Answer: It's really understanding the animal's physiology and the (targeted) process. And that's what happened with the growth hormone problem. When growth hormone was put into pigs and sheep, I think, we just learned more about how animals do regulate their growth. It clearly wasn't growth hormone alone (that regulated growth).

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BUSINESS & FINANCE

Japan assists Oman in copper exploration

MUSCAT, July 11, (AP): Japan is to provide Oman with \$2 million in aid to evaluate promising, high-quality copper discoveries on the north coast which Japanese buyers are interested in purchasing, executives reported today.

Two sites at Hail Al Safil and Rakah near Sohar have an estimated 4 million tons of copper reserves with a high content of gold and silver, according to experts.

Feasibility studies will be carried out by Japan International Co-operation Agency over a two-year period starting in September.

"Initial studies were very promising and we hope to find significantly large reserves," JICA representative said.

Organisation remains committed to \$18 per barrel price

Emergency OPEC meeting unlikely

NICOSIA, July 11, (Reuters): An emergency OPEC meeting to discuss weak oil prices and deteriorating quota discipline is unlikely, the Middle East Economic Survey (MEES) said.

The Nicosia-based newsletter said in a report published today that responses sought by OPEC Secretary General Subroto of Indonesia had been mainly negative, particularly from Gulf producer states.

"Despite a flurry of rumours last week about a possible extraordinary meeting of OPEC, or at least its five-member price committee, it seems the majority would definitely not be in favour of any such meeting at the present time," MEES said.

The newsletter said Subroto, in response to a request by Venezuela, had telephoned oil ministers of key member states of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries to seek opinions on such a meeting.

"The responses received by Dr Subroto appear to have been essentially negative, particularly those of the Gulf states," MEES said.

It added that both Saudi Arabia and Kuwait had pointed out that without any prior understanding with the UAE on quotas, an OPEC meeting would almost certainly be counter-productive.

Gulf oil sources said last month the main producing emirate of Abu Dhabi planned to boost July production by nearly

10 per cent, raising total UAE output to 1.5 million barrels per day (bpd) — well above its 948,000 bpd OPEC ceiling.

Supported
The Kuwait News Agency (KUNA) reported on Friday that Iran, Libya, Algeria and Venezuela supported an emergency OPEC meeting but Gulf Arab members had reservations, fearing that failure to agree could send world oil prices tumbling even lower.

Meanwhile in Vienna, OPEC President Alhaji Rilwanu Lukman said the organisation was still committed to the \$18 per barrel reference price for its crude.

The price, which was set by OPEC in December 1986, has

been confirmed at successive ministerial conference meetings including the last one which ended on June 14.

Lukman, also Nigerian minister of petroleum resources, said while the current oil market situation "could be better", it had to be borne in mind that the third quarter was less than two weeks old.

He confirmed that he had received a letter "on the oil market situation" from the Indonesian Minister of Mines and Energy Ginandjar Kartasasmita.

The OPEC president said he was here primarily for discussions with the new OPEC Secretary-General, Dr Subroto, who assumed office on July 1.

World cocoa panel to meet on prices

LONDON, July 11, (Reuters): A panel of experts will try next week to resolve a dispute between world cocoa producers and consumers on the level of support prices, which has paralysed the international cocoa agreement since March.

The International Cocoa Organisation (ICCO), which tries to stabilise prices by buying and selling from a buffer stock, cannot intervene in the cocoa market until the two sides agree what price range the pact should defend.

ICCO officials said the panel will meet July 13-15. Any recommendations on how and if prices should be revised will be given to the full ICCO council in September.

World Business Summary

Iraq and Egypt sign package of agreements

BAGHDAD, July 11, (OPECNA): Eight agreements covering co-operation between Iraq and Egypt in economy, trade, agriculture, transport, manpower, science, technology, culture and housing were signed here on Thursday. The accords were signed at the end of the third session of the joint Iraqi-Egyptian committee headed by Iraqi first Deputy Prime Minister Taha Yassin Ramadan and Egyptian Prime Minister Dr Atief Sedki, who led a nine-member ministerial delegation here for the purpose. Speaking at the conclusion of the session, Ramadan and Sedki expressed deep satisfaction over the results of the committee's work which they said reflected the keenness of both countries to expand co-operation and take joint action in various fields.

The trade accord envisages exchanges worth \$250 million a year. Iraq's exports to Egypt are sulphur, cement, vegetable oil and hides, while it imports clothes, pharmaceuticals and aluminium from Egypt. Meanwhile, the Egyptian Prime Minister told reporters on his return from here to Cairo that the joint committee had decided to establish joint projects to produce edible oil, sugar, paper, aluminium, seed as well as co-operate in land reclamation.

Venezuelan oil company to bring down production cost

CARACAS, July 11, (OPECNA): Petroleos de Venezuela (PDVSA), the Venezuelan state oil company, hopes to bring down its production cost to \$2.65 per barrel from the 1987 figure of \$2.92. A company spokesman attributed the lower cost to high yields expected from wells in eastern Venezuela and the Lake Maracaibo area. Meanwhile, PDVSA is currently negotiating the purchase of stocks in overseas oil companies to expand its crude outlets to foreign markets under joint-venture arrangements with foreign firms to 700,000 BPD from its present level of 450,000 BPD.

Under the company's internationalisation policy, aimed at securing the marketing of Venezuelan oil on overseas markets, PDVSA is already channelling 450,000 BPD of its crude to refinery and distribution joint ventures in the United States, West Germany and Sweden.

Appeal against slowing growth in debtor nations

WASHINGTON, July 11, (AP): Debtor countries will be unable to increase their income unless banks provide them with more assistance, the head of the International Monetary Fund says.

Michel Camdessus told a Geneva meeting of the UN Economic and Social Council in a prepared address yesterday that while new ideas have been advanced over the past year for financing the middle-income countries, net lending "has remained negligible."

Debtors
Camdessus did not name the countries he appeared to have in mind. "The biggest debtors in the group are Brazil, Mexico and Argentina. In Latin America, US banks are usually the biggest lenders."

He said he is concerned over delays and difficulties in putting together packages of loans for governments trying to adjust to their international debt problems. Such packages usually include loans by the fund itself, by commercial banks and inter-governmental lenders like the World Bank.

Adjustments required in return for the loans, generally include austerity programmes that "debtor governments find difficult to swallow." On Wednesday, for example, a programme that includes wage controls prompted an unprecedented demonstration into the parliament building of

Yugoslavia.

Camdessus said erroneous signals are sometimes sent to governments contemplating new measures.

"Such a signal is doubly unfortunate at a time when, in a growing number of countries, there appears to be much less debate on what needs to be done, but much more difficulty, politically, in putting sounder policies into practice," he added.

"Unless the banks do more to support adjustment efforts of middle-income countries, the notion that our debt strategy is collaborative, one oriented to growth will not pass serious scrutiny. Indeed, it will prevent the resumption of an adequate rate of growth, and all sides will lose."

Endorsed
He said it may not always be good for countries to pile debt on existing debt, and endorsed agreements between debtors and creditors for new arrangements to reduce existing debt of Third World countries, estimated at over \$1.2 trillion.

Camdessus said programmes to adjust debtor countries to a better handling of their debts will sometimes cost in the short run but will eventually help their citizens, particularly the poor.

He noted that some adjustment measures are of immediate help to poor people, such as increased prices for farm products.

India to launch power project with World Bank loan

INDIA will use a World Bank loan of \$350 million to launch a power project in the state of Uttar Pradesh, and IDA credits of \$DR 216.5 million (\$300.2 million) and \$DR 41 million (\$57 million) to finance an urban development scheme and a family planning project in Tamil Nadu.

The first project is designed to reduce acute power shortages in Uttar Pradesh and the northern region. Benefits from the Tamil Nadu projects will include affordable housing for close to 900,000 poor people and access

to better family planning and health services for about 2.5 million slum dwellers.

Reduce
The Uttar Pradesh project will reduce power shortages, make the existing thermal power station and high-voltage transmission system more efficient, and introduce a new technology in power generation with the installation of fluidised bed boilers.

It will also promote the development of economic hydro-resources and supplement coal resources used for power generation as well as strengthen

the Uttar Pradesh State Electricity Board.

A 350-megawatt hydro-electric power station will be constructed, an additional coal handling system will be installed, wagons for coal transport will be purchased, about 430 kilometres of high-voltage transmission lines will be built, and 2,000 energy metres will be installed.

Resettlement, rehabilitation and afforestation measures associated with the construction of the hydro-electric power station will be taken.

The environmental impact of

the project will be limited, and because the hydro-power station area is sparsely populated, only 59 families will need to be resettled.

Designed
The Tamil Nadu urban development project is designed to strengthen the functioning of institutions involved with the programming and provision of urban services and management of urban investments. Its shelter component aims at boosting the availability of serviced land, especially for the poor, and stemming the growth of slums.

Saudis rule out riyal devaluation

BAHRAIN, July 11, (Reuters): Saudi Arabia dismissed yesterday suggestions that it might devalue the riyal.

Finance Minister Mohammed Ali Abal-Khail told the Saudi Press Agency: "This possibility is not likely at all."

He referred to a Reuters report from Bahrain on Saturday which said bankers were speculating that Saudi Arabia, hit by falling oil revenues, might devalue its currency.

On Saturday, the rate offered by banks fell to 3.7525 to the dollar, compared with the parity rate of 3.75 set by the Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency. They riyal recovered strength yesterday.

Poland could fully service debt by 1991

WARSAW, July 11, (Reuters): Poland could start fully servicing its huge foreign debt by the end of 1991 provided exports continue to grow, National Bank president Wladyslaw Baka said yesterday.

Baka, appointed Poland's economic overlord last month, also indicated he would follow a tight money policy to curb inflation which some economists say will exceed 60 per cent by the end of the year.

Exports
Baka told a news conference exports had risen by more than 20 per cent this year and a continued increase could help Poland meet interest payments by 1991 and then start repaying the debt of more than \$39 billion.

Interest arrears are piling up because Poland does not earn enough foreign currency to service the debt fully.

"It is possible to create a perspective of repaying debts by 1991 on the basis of increased exports," Baka said.

"A stabilisation of debts would be achieved at a level of \$43 or 44 billion and from then on there would be stabilisation or even a decrease in debt from year to year."

Baka was elected to the ruling Communist Party Politburo last month and put in charge of the country's faltering economic reforms.

He expressed hope that the International Monetary Fund (IMF) would start allowing Poland credits in three to four months, adding that the normalisation of relations with creditor countries would help Poland service its debts faster.

Normalisation
"Our possibilities of meeting the debts will be bigger, the faster we receive the normalisation of relations with creditor countries on principles of mutual advantage."

"This has ever more support and understanding, but we have not crossed the rubicon," he said, adding that negotiations had

intensified with the World Bank and progress had been made in talks with the Paris Club of Western government creditors.

Baka said socialist states had made a mistake by rejecting tight-money control as a policy connected only with capitalism.

Sin
"It was an original sin of socialism which removed this essential tool which allows the energy of all society and enterprises, households to be gathered around a single category connecting all — namely money," he said.

Baka has sharply criticised price increases which triggered a two-week wave of labour unrest in April and May. There are also fears of unrest in the autumn caused by the failure of government reform efforts to improve the economy.

Baka said he would soon step down as president of the National Bank to take up his new posts.

SABIC reports 500pc increase in earnings

RIYADH, July 11, (AP): The Saudi Arabia's Basic Industries Corporation announced yesterday a more than 500 per cent increase in net earnings for the first quarter of 1988.

SABIC, a joint stock company that is 70 per cent owned by the Saudi government, produces petrochemicals, metals, plastic resins and fertilisers primarily for the export market.

Industry sources attributed the huge earnings gain to skyrocketing petrochemical prices in the world market.

Last year, petrochemicals accounted for approximately 68 per cent of SABIC's total shipments.

In an unaudited statement in the Arabic press, SABIC posted net earnings of 652.9 million Saudi riyals (\$176 million) as of March 31, as compared to 102.2 million riyals (\$27 million) for the same period last year.

Sales increased 73 per cent from 1.07 billion riyals (\$289 million) to 1.86 billion riyals (\$502 million).

Saudis ask local banks to bid on third bond issue

RIYADH, July 11, (AP): The Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency today asked local commercial banks to bid on a third 1.5-billion-riyal (\$400-million) development bond offering.

The bids close at noon on Monday.

Declining oil revenues and a projected 30-billion-riyal (\$8-billion) deficit in the 1988 budget have prompted the country to borrow after several years of drawing on its reserves and an absence from capital markets for more than two decades.

Tranche
SAMA offered its first tranche of bonds on June 11. Yields on the bonds, which have maturities from one to five years, are comparable to the United States Treasury bonds.

Because Islamic law forbids the collection or payment of interest, SAMA was obliged to create a debt instrument that would assuage religious leaders.

The solution was to issue the "development bonds" at a discount to face value. The difference between the actual amount paid by investors and the bonds' face value represents the yield to purchasers.

While SAMA has remained tight-lipped regarding the success of the offerings, there have been conflicting reports as to whether the bonds have been oversubscribed or undersubscribed.

Sources, who spoke on condition they not be identified, said that ongoing speculation that the Saudi riyal might be devalued may be partially responsible for the theory of undersubscription.

The last devaluation took place June 1, 1986.

SAMA is also beginning to explore the possibility of creating a secondary market for the development bonds, which so far have only been sold to commercial banks, the state-owned Civil Service Pension Fund and the General Organisation for Social Insurance.

The agency recently gave banks approval to submit the names of non-bank local investors who may be interested in purchasing the bonds in the secondary market. This would enable the banks to sell and repurchase the bonds rather than limit their holding of the bonds to full one-to-five-year maturity terms.



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ALA-ADDIN COMPANY	1.21	1.20		JOR LEASING CORP.	0.64 0.61
ARAB ALUMINUM IND.	1.64	1.64		JOR LTH BRICK	0.22 0.22
ARAB BANK	113.0	113.0		JOR MANAG/CONSULT	0.50 0.50
ARAB CHEMICAL DTER	3.96	3.95		JOR NATIONAL BANK	2.53 2.53
ARAB FINANCE CORP.	1.33	1.36		JOR PAPER CARDBRDG	3.11 3.15
ARAB INSURANCE	0.98	0.99		JOR PHOSPHATE MINS	2.50 2.50
ARAB INT. INV/TRAD.	0.98	0.98		JOR PIPES MANUFACT	1.19 1.20
ARAB INT. UNION INS	0.94	0.90		JOR PRESS/PUBLISHT.	2.00 2.15
ARAB INTER. HOTELS	0.53	0.58		JOR PRINTING/PACK.	4.00 4.05
ARAB JOR./INVEST/BK	2.10	2.10		JOR ROCK WDR IND.	0.61 0.61
ARAB PAPER CORP/INT	0.32	0.31		JOR SECURIT CORP	0.77 0.78
ARAB PHASMA MANF.	1.96	1.95		JOR SELPHN CHEN.	2.57 2.57
ARAB PHASMA/CHEN	0.76	0.75		JOR WOOD INDUSTRY	1.12 1.12
ARAB POTASH CO.				JOR WORSTED MIL	0.54 0.54
ARABIAN SEAS INS.	1.65	1.65		JOR. KLUIT AGR	1.00 1.00
BANK OF JORDAN	15.20	15.20		JOR. PETROLIUM REF	7.35 7.35
BELGIUM INSURANCE	0.70	0.95		JOR. FRENCH INS.	5.20 5.30
CATRO AMMAN BANK	28.50	28.50		JOR. INV. FIN. CORP	2.01 2.01
DAL AL SHAAB BANK	0.45	0.46		JORDAN GULF REAL	0.33 0.33
DAR ALDAHA DV/INV.	1.55	1.54		JORDAN DAIRY	0.99 0.99
DARCO/INVEST/HOUS.	0.53	0.54		JORDAN GULF BANK	1.24 1.25
FINANCE/CREDIT/CCR	0.59	0.59		JORDAN INSURANCE	0.94 0.95
GARAGE OWNERS OF	3.65	3.65		JORDAN ISLAMIC BNK	13.85 13.90
GENERAL INSURANCE	2.39	2.63		JORDAN KLUATT BANK	1.43 1.43
GENERAL INVESTMENT	1.25	1.25		JORDAN TANNING	2.01 2.01
GENERAL MINING.	1.31	1.31		LIVESTOCK/POULTRY	0.77 0.77
HIMMEN MINERALS	0.75	0.75		MACH/EQUI/RENT/MAIN	0.79 0.79
HOLD LAND INS.	1.27	1.26		MAS INDUSTRIES	0.69 0.73
IND./WATCH JEMCO	0.63	0.63		MIDDEL EAST HOTEL	0.60 0.60
INDSTRL DEVLPT BNK	1.58	1.56		MIDDEL EAST INS	60.00 60.00
INDSTRL/CONVR/AGR.	1.24	1.23		MINERALS RESEARCH	0.60 0.55
INDUSTRIAL INVEST.	0.90	0.90		NAT.FIN. INVEST CO	1.80 1.80
INTERKON/INV	0.22	0.21		NAT/CABEL/MIRE/WF.	1.02 1.01
IRBID ELECTRICITY	0.90	0.85		NATONAL AHLIA INS	1.30 1.27
ISLAMIC INV. HOUSE	0.64	0.64		NATONAL INDUSTRY	0.39 0.38
ITERMED/PETRI/CH	1.23	1.22		NATONAL INVESTMENT	0.71 0.71
J. TOUR-SP COMPLEX	0.79	0.80		NATONAL STEEL	2.65 2.64
JERUSALEM INS.	1.26	1.29		ORIENT DRY BATTERY	0.25 0.28
JO TOBACCO/CIGARETS	14.35	14.50		PETRA BANK	1.93 1.92
JOR CERAMIC FACTOR	1.19	1.20		PETRA JOR. INS.	0.35 0.35
JOR EAGLE INS.	25.01	25.05		PHILADELPHIA INS.	0.82 0.82
JOR ELECTRIC POWER	1.52	1.52		POLYA INDUSTRIAL	0.80 0.80
JOR FINANCE INSUR.	0.90	0.90		REAL ESTATE INV.	0.47 0.48
JOR FISHING IND.	0.90	0.97		SHIPPING LINES	0.87 0.87
JOR HOTEL TOURISM	2.50	2.30		SPINNING MEVING	0.78 0.77
JOR INDUSTRY CREM.	1.62	1.59		THE HOUSING BANK	1.81 1.82
JOR INS AND FIN.	1.20	1.20		UNIVERSAL INSURANCE	1.50 1.50
				UNIVERSAL CHEM. IND	1.52 1.50
				UNIVERSAL INS.	1.19 1.23
				WOOLEN INDUSTRIES	0.70 0.70
				YARMOUK INSURANCE	1.10 1.10

Currency rates

	Buying	Selling
US dollar	0.28149	0.28290
Strg.	0.47765	0.48050
D.M.	0.15295	0.15385
S. Fr.	0.18390	0.18500
F. Fr.	0.04545	0.04575
It. lira	0.002065	0.002080
Japan yen	.0021100	.0021230
Bh. dinar	0.74630	0.75050
UAE Dh.	0.07660	0.07705
S. riyal	0.07500	0.07545
Qat. riyal	0.07725	0.07770
Om. riyal	0.73090	0.73480

Interest Rates

FOLLOWING are the average interest rates of local interbank transactions as reported by participants to Central Bank of Kuwait yesterday.

Period	Offered	Received
1 month	5-7/8	6-3/8
3 months	6-1/8	6-1/2
6 months	6-1/4	6-9/8
1 year	6-5/16	6-11/16

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COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL SECTOR				BC-A	80.00	80.50	80.00
STOCK	BUY	SELL	OPEN	LC-A	.43	.44	.43
AKS	9.70	9.80	9.70	LC-B	.45	.46	.46
AI-A	3.90	3.90	3.90	PK-A	.38	.39	.38
FLR	3.95	4.00	3.90	PK-B	.38	.39	.39
GEO	36.00	36.50					
PIDT	185.00	186.00	186.00	OIL SECTOR			
KPSI-A	2.30	2.34	2.30	BP-A	.022	.023	.023
SHC-A	137.00	138.00	138.00	BP-B	.023	.024	.023
SHC-B	200.00		198.00	LRC-A	.0028	.003	
				LRC-B	.0028	.003	
MINING SECTOR				OPM-A	.038	.039	.039
APX-A	.038	.039	.041	OPM-B	.039	.042	
APX-B	.039	.04	.042	OV-A	.037	.038	.038
AT-A	21.50	21.75	22.00	OV-B	.038	.039	

KUWAIT STOCK EXCHANGE
COMPANIES LISTED ON THE PARALLEL MARKET

FINANCIAL SECTOR	P.CLS	LT	HIGH	LOW	VOL	TRAD
-PEARL INV.CO.	0.098	----	----	----	----	----
-GULF INV.CO.	0.041	----	----	----	----	----
-GULF INTL INS	0.009	----	----	----	----	----
-ARAB INT CO.	0.055	----	----	----	----	----
-SHARJAH INS	0.000	----	----	----	----	----
-GULF UNION INS	0.070	----	----	----	----	----
INDUSTRIAL SECTOR						
-B-GULF MEDICAL	0.020	----	----	----	----	----
C-R.K.WHITE CRMT	0.022	----	----	----	----	----
D-AJMAN CEMENT	0.007	----	----	----	----	----
E-FUJAIRAH CEMENT	0.007	----	----	----	----	----
F-SHARJAH CEMENT	0.010	----	----	----	----	----
G-GULF CEMENT	0.016	----	----	----	----	----
H-UMM QATWAIN	0.021	----	----	----	----	----

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STOCK	LAST	PR-CLSE	OE BUEHR I	1115	1110
BAER HGDS	14500	O	OE BUEHR N	247.00	244.00
BALLOISE PS	2075	2060	OE BUEHR P	260.00	255.00
BBC I A	2510	2510	ROCHE BABY	12450	12500
BK LEU I	2750	2700	ROCHE I	0	83000
BK LEU M	2400	2400	RUECKVER I	13500	13500
BK LEU PS	432	431	RUECKVER N	6075	6075
CPV	0	1120	RUECKVER P	2110	3080
CIB GEIG I	3400	3400	RY TR BK	1230	1220
CIB GEIG M	1600	1590	S BMKGSJ I	3365	3350
CIB GEIG P	2270	2260	S BMKGSJ N	630	625
CKW	0	1215	S BMKGSJ P	122.00	121.50
CRED SUJ I	2555	2525	S BNKVRN I	380	383
CRED SUJ N	477	475	S BNKVRN N	292.00	294.00
EG LAUFEN	0	1820	S BNKVRN P	311	311
ELEKTROMAT	3145	3110	SANDOZ I	12550	12500
EMS CHEM I	3850	3850	SANDOZ N	5180	5180
EMS CHEM P	0	0	SANDOZ PS	2070	2075
GLOBUS I	7550	7550	SULZER N	4925	4875
GLOBUS N	6550	6300	SULZER PS	468	465
GLOBUS P	1235	1250	SVB	1775	1785
JACOBS S I	8050	8000	SWISSAIR	1180	1180
JACOBS S M	1360	1390	SWISSAIR N	990	990
JACOBS S P	695	697	W THUR I	5575	5500
JELM I	2480	2480	W THUR N	2600	2575
JELM PS	377	378	W THUR PS	720	700
LANDIS N	1320	1320	ZURICH I	6100	6075
LANDIS PS	121.50	121.50	ZURICH N	2600	2585
MERCK I	812	806	ZURICH PS	2015	1990

KD deposit rates

KB deposit rates steady in quiet trade

KUWAITI dinar deposit rates were steady in quiet trade yesterday as liquidity remained high from dollar sales, dealers said.

Banks unwound dollar positions last week when a three-week surge in the US currency on international markets faltered.

Overnight dealt as low as 1/4 per cent while other short-dates were well offered, tomorrow next at two per cent and spot next at 3-1/2 per cent.

One-week funds held to Sunday levels at five, four per cent while two-week money traded at 5-1/2 per cent.

Central Bank offers to sell the 14th issue of three-month Treasury bills had few takers and little effect on liquidity, dealers said.

Quoted spot rates of around 0.2828/35.

Meanwhile, in Bahrain, the spot Saudi riyal climbed and interbank deposit rates eased yesterday in confused trading following a Saudi government ruling out a devaluation.

Dealers said the riyal firmed to 3.7502/04 to the dollar from 3.7507/11, but added many banks were remaining on the sidelines until the market settled down. In recent days, devaluation speculation had driven it as low as 3.7520/25.

Finance and National Economy Minister Mohammed Ali Abal Khail told the Saudi Press Agency on Sunday evening the government had no intention of devaluing.

The fixed periods were virtually unchanged from Sunday 3.75 to the dollar since June.

at six, 5.3/4 per cent for the one-month, 6-1/4, six per cent for the two-month, 6-1/2, 1/4 per cent for the three-month and 6-5/8, 3/8 per cent for the six through 12-month maturities.

The only reported fixed-dated deals were in the one-month at six per cent.

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1986. But bankers said the statement still had not completely eliminated their fears.

"People still think the rial will come down sooner or later," said one banker.

Trade was active in the morning, especially in one-month maturities, which dropped to 8-1/2, 1/4 per cent. Three months eased to 8-5/8, 3/8 per cent, six months eased to 8-5/8, 1/2 per cent and one-year was little changed at 8-3/4, 9/16 per cent.

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CANON	1280
CASIO CORP	1250
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CITIZEN W	900
D-ICHI KAN	3100
DAT NIP IC	824
DAT NIP PT	250
DAT NIP SC	1110
DAT NIP TO	715
DAIICEL	912
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DAIFENG	208
EISAI	205
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FUJI BANK	3210
FUJI PHOTO	3670
FUJISAWA	1790
FUJITA CP	747
HITACHI	1560
HONDA MOT	1740
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ITO YOKADO	4320
JAP SYN RU	1310
JAPAN AIR	13600
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ANIS	170	170		WALI DAR	352	352	NALAY IND	380

ALCOL	139	139	HRN FAR	552	552	MALTA TND	500
BA TOB	170	170	HEXZA	85	85	MARCOPOLO	123
B-B-F	264	264	HIND HOTL	53	53	MCR HLDGS	82

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CARLSBERG	510	510	HTL	NEGAR	290	290	METAL BOX	47
CHIN STOR	42	42	HTL	PROPS	132	132	MTC BHD	398
DYKHI	520	520	HTL	ROYAL	141	141	MULPHANA	35
DOUTCHBOND	100	100	HUM	IND	173	173	MYRATA	60
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G&A BRAND	38.5	38.5	KEPEL C W		54	54	SEAVUE	232
GENTEN CORP	74	74	KEPPEL		260	260	SIN	1178
GENTEN	535	535	KG FLOUR		214	214	SIN LIM	732
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STAMPING STOCKS CLOSE MIXED SINGAPORE, JULY 11, REUTER - SHARE PRICES CLOSED MIXED AFTER TRADING, AFTER A SLIGHTLY LOW MORNING SESSION. BRISBANE SAID.

DEALERS SAID TRADING WAS SLOWER AS OPERATORS CONTINUED TO ADJUST TO THE NEW TRADING SYSTEM INTRODUCED LAST Friday.

FALLS AND GAINS WERE ABOUT BALANCED AND THE STRAITS TIMES INDUSTRIAL INDEX ROSE 2.13 POINTS TO 1,095.80, AFTER DROPPING 0.22.24 POINTS AT MIDDAY. TURNOVER FELL TO 209.1 MLN SHARES, FROM Friday's 23.2 MLN. BROKERS SAID AN EARLY TRADING LULL FOLLOWING A 17.5-POINT FALL IN WALL STREET BUT BARGAIN HUNTERS WERE TRYING TO BLENK SPECULATIVE STOCKS. HIGHER

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THE Arab investments in Arab countries have decreased by 37 per cent last year marking around \$227.6 million in comparison to 1986.

The report explained that the reason behind this was due to the \$35 million investment of the Bahrain-based Arab Company for Agricultural Investment in agricultural projects in Sudan.

IAGC, which groups all Arab countries and is based in Kuwait, said that Jordan ranks second where the volume of Arab investment in it registered \$41.7 million last year marking an increase of 697 per cent in comparison to the year before it.

Meanwhile, the report said that investment of nationals from Gulf Cooperation Council countries in Arab Gulf states ranked first marking around \$114.8 million or 50.43 per cent of the total Arab investments last

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KUWAITI dinar deposit rates were steady in quiet trade yesterday as liquidity remained high from dollar sales, dealers said. Banks unwound dollar posi-

day levels at five, four per cent while two-week money traded at 5-1/2 per cent.

Central Bank offers to sell the 16th issue of three-month Treasury bills had few takers and little effect on liquidity, dealers said.

The fixed periods were virtually nonexistent. The floating rate speculation had driven it as low as 3.75/0/25.

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Wall Street stocks firm

Dollar jumps despite US and European intervention

LONDON, July 11, (Reuters): The dollar jumped again today despite co-ordinated selling by central banks in the United States and Europe aimed at stopping its one-month rally.

A buoyant US economy and the prospect of higher US interest rates to cool any risk of inflation sent money pouring into dollar assets.

Wall Street stocks were firm as the Dow Jones industrial average rose 9.43 points to 2,115.58 by midday. London shares eased slightly but Tokyo edged higher.

Oil prices eased and grain prices slumped after rain broke a searing drought in the US grain belt this weekend — both trends knocked the price of gold, a favoured inflation hedge.

But many dealers say a report on Friday that US unemployment is at a 14-year low signals the kind of tight job market

that sends wages climbing enough to rekindle inflation. To stop that, they expect a rise in US interest rates.

That would boost the return on US bank accounts and dollar denominated bonds.

As a result, not even intervention by central banks — including the US Federal Reserve — could dissuade traders from the idea that the dollar was the currency to buy today.

"The intervention didn't mean anything... the dollar is still basically on an upward trend," said Bob Bauer, senior dealer at Commerzbank AG.

Higher

The dollar has been climbing for a month after the United States reported a sharp drop in its massive trade deficit. Its next trade report is on Friday and some dealers say only an unexpectedly large rise in the trade

gap can cap the dollar.

It closed in Europe 1.25 pfennigs higher at 1.3460 West German marks and gained 1.25 cents to trade at \$1.69 to the British pound sterling. But it was little changed at 132.95 Japanese yen.

Slumped

The dollar dropped only briefly after several rounds of dollar sales by the West German Bundesbank, joined at one point by the central banks of Switzerland, Italy, Belgium, the Netherlands and Austria.

"The bullish tendency for the dollar still seems to be there. People are viewing dips as buying opportunities," said Lawrence Ryan, Creditanalyst's New York foreign exchange manager.

It barely reacted to two Federal Reserve interventions, even though those sales suggested the United States shares European concerns about a ris-

ing dollar.

While a strong dollar could cut short a continuing US export boom, Europeans fear it will boost import prices and send inflation up.

Gold dealers decided inflation was not as big a risk as they had feared as US wheat, corn (maize) and soybean prices slumped after weekend rains broke a searing drought in the American grain belt.

Concern

In London, the price of gold was fixed at \$436.80 an ounce, down \$2.60 from Friday afternoon.

Brent crude oil from the North Sea slipped nearly 50 cents a barrel to trade at about \$14.50 for September delivery, as traders felt prospects for an emergency OPEC meeting to boost the market were fading.

In Tokyo, the dollar closed

steadily today but well off its highs after nervous fluctuations sparked by rumours about US monetary policy, dealers said.

Tokyo share prices closed slightly higher, mainly on buying of domestic demand-related shares, but concern about the direction of yen/dollar rates dissuaded investors from taking major positions, brokers said.

On the dollar, a United States Treasury official contradicted a report by a Japanese news agency that an unnamed US official had said the United States would tolerate a dollar at 135 yen.

"Trading was speculative, being easily affected by reports on the US stance towards the dollar's direction," Hiroaki Shukuzawa of Sumitomo Bank said.

The dollar ended at 133.33 yen and 1.8405/10 West German marks against 133.25 yen and 1.8410/20 marks in New York on

Friday. It hit a 9-1/2 month high against the mark in New York on news of an unexpectedly sharp fall in US unemployment in June.

Sentiment

Dealers said basic sentiment for the dollar remained bullish, supported by growing expectations of a rise in US interest rates due to the continuing strong performance of its economy.

But the dollar's upward movement was limited due to strong selling interest by institutional investors, including life insurance companies, they said.

The Nikkei share index gained 68.91 points, or 0.25 per cent, to close at 27,985.99 after a rise of 188.95 points on Friday.

"The market is generally mixed and investors are sidelined," said Akio Ishida, deputy general manager at Yasuda Trust Fund.

OPEC urges investment in refining and distribution

OIL producing countries with diversified operations and a high degree on technical sophistication have been advised to invest in refining and distribution facilities.

The July issue of OPEC bulletin, a publication of the Organisation of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries, has dismissed increasing concern about oil exporting countries' efforts to acquire refining and distribution outlets in the industrialised world.

Critical

The publication is critical of the misleading and 'less than objective' coverage given to this subject by the Western media, remarking that the conclusion have often been inconsistent with the facts.

Referring to reports that oil producers are about to take increasing control of European and US refining operations, the bulletin points out that such investments barely reach three per cent of the total refining capacity in Western Europe and the United States.

Even if these investments were doubled, they would still constitute a small fraction of the world's aggregate refining

capacity, it comments.

The OPEC publication argues that the acquisition of existing refining and distribution facilities in consuming countries is cheaper than establishing new plants. In addition, the producers benefit from the facilities' accumulated management experience, which also augments their national skills in oil marketing and distribution.

It notes that the entry of some exporters as direct investors in the downstream industry of importing countries has led to a slowdown in efforts to reduce refining capacity in importing countries.

Ensure

The bulletin says although increasing Arab consumption of refined products will ensure a continuously expanding market, investment in new refineries in the Arab world is not receiving the attention it deserves.

It states that a growing Arab refining industry will upgrade Arab technical and managerial manpower, which in turn will increase the refining industry's contribution to the development of economic sectors, including industry.

IFAD appeals for conversion of African debt into local currencies

GENEVA, July 11, (OPECNA): Dr Idris Jazairi, president of the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), has made a strong appeal to donor nations to allow heavily indebted African countries to meet their foreign debt obligations in local currencies.

Addressing a meeting here of the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), he also called for imaginative action in the battle against hunger and poverty in African countries, which he described as "the great challenge of the coming decade."

Burden

He said debt burden relief was a "crucial necessity" in countries now seeking to meet the challenge of rehabilitation in the face of civil strife and external destabilisation.

Noting that the roots of Africa's crisis reached deep into economic structural imbalances, Jazairi said "many African countries have undertaken very courageous internal reforms and accepted unprecedented sacrifices in order to remedy the imbalances in their economies."

He said "it is less clear that there has been an adequate response by external donors in sup-

port of these reforms," he stressed.

He noted that the Organisation of African Unity (OAU) already endorsed an IFAD proposal which would allow local currency debt repayments to provide counterpart funds for new initiatives to combat hunger.

Sharp

Under a resolution adopted in May this year, OAU called on the industrialised countries to take up a larger share of IFAD's replenishment in recognition of the sharp deterioration in the export proceeds and external indebtedness of Third World contributors.

OAU also invited recipient developing countries to make the exceptional effort required to achieve the target contribution of \$75 million in convertible currencies fixed at the first session of replenishment consultations.

The group also appealed to OPEC countries to continue their solidarity with the millions of hungry and poverty-stricken people of the developing world and maintain their contributions to the third replenishment at the same time as the second one.

Further public borrowing unlikely

FINANCE Minister Jassem Al Khorafi yesterday discounted the likelihood of further public borrowing to offset a deficit of KD1.4 billion (\$5 billion) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1989.

In a statement to the Kuwait News Agency Khorafi said: "There may be no need for enacting a new law for borrowing from the public."

"He also predicted that the actual deficit might be narrowed, before the final balance sheet is out."

Khorafi added that the decision "will depend on the merits of public borrowing versus the withdrawal from the state's general reserve."

A November law authorised the Central Bank to issue treasury bills and government bonds worth KD1.4 billion.

The outcome of the process

since then has been praised as positive with respect to its impact on liquidity.

"The expansion of the public debt depends on its impact on the general economic situation because the government has a number of alternatives with which to handle this issue," Khorafi said.

Khorafi said public-debt policy has a number of monetary and positive financial effects on the national economy, let alone its ability to overcome state budget deficit.

He explained, the positive aspects are the enhancement of the monetary authority's control in organising liquidity levels, developing the country's monetary market and creating a new instrument for the Central Bank by means of which it can handle open-market operations.

ICO may soon cut coffee export quotas

LONDON, July 11, (Reuters): Coffee prices near five-year lows led London dealers to predict today that the International Coffee Organisation (ICO) will soon cut the quotas which producers are allowed to export under its rules.

The trade body could act to tighten the market and stabilise prices as early as Wednesday, they said.

But forecasts of cold weather in Brazil, the biggest producer, lifted prices today and may postpone the move.

London robusta coffee futures moved higher on forecasts of a cold air mass moving into Brazil's coffee growing regions, which could lead to pockets of frost in Parana state.

Dealers said fear of frost caused sellers to withdraw from the market, and prices rose £21 (\$35) to £1,118 (\$1,900) a tonne.

Japanese firms launch videophone

NEW YORK: After years of speculating on what it would be like to actually see the person you were talking to on the telephone, the age of the videophone is at last upon us.

Three Japanese companies, Mitsubishi, Panasonic, and Sony, now have the technology and product to put such an image in front of us.

The VisiTel visual telephone by Mitsubishi was the first. It was introduced in the United States about six months ago, to sell at a suggested retail price of \$399. It's now available nationwide through 450 retail stores, including Bloomingdale's in New York and Lechmere in Boston.

Concept

"It was an American idea," says Tim Beck, national sales manager of the Telecom Division of Mitsubishi Electric Sales America Inc., in Santa Clara, Calif.

"For four years the concept was researched and developed in

California, and the design work done by US engineers."

Although parts are made in both Japan and California, final assembly is done in this country. Mitsubishi developed the videophone transmission standards approved by the Japanese Telecommunication Technology Committee. Mitsubishi has licensed the technology to Panasonic — but not, as yet, to any American manufacturer.

The Panasonic videophone models will be available in November to retail at \$449.95 and \$469.95. A Sony model will arrive in September to retail for about \$400.

The products of the three companies are compatible. All models can transmit and receive still black-and-white images, although the videophones of each company use a different type of camera. Each camera transmits a still or freeze-frame black-and-white image every five to seven seconds over standard

telephone lines to screens that are four to five inches wide.

The cameras will also transfer information such as contracts, illustrations, and drawings via these "video snapshots."

"By providing a visual connection between two parties," says Michael Troetti, national sales manager of Panasonic, "we are making telephone conversations more personal than ever."

"With our new videophone and video monitor, a little boy in New York will be able to both talk with and see his grandmother in California. People separated by distance from families and friends will be likely customers, as well as people who operate out of at-home offices."

"There is a lot of high technology in this picture phone product," says Beck, "so it will be a while before prices come down significantly. Maybe in three to four years we will be able to offer a \$299 model."

(The Christian Science Monitor)

Egyptian companies waiting for details of new law

CAIRO, July 11, (Reuters): Muslim tycoons and millions of Egypt's small investors are waiting anxiously to find out if strict new laws could prompt the closure of some controversial Islamic finance companies.

Some of the privately-owned Islamic firms, which between them control billions of dollars in savings, have halted or are limiting withdrawals until the situation becomes clearer.

One said the new regulations, rushed through parliament and signed into law by President Hosni Mubarak on June 9 could force it into liquidation.

Most are leaving their options open until shareholders have had time to study the regulations due to be published as an appendix to the June law.

But they have said if the law is applied too rigidly they may close.

The government said the law would force private Islamic companies to go public and subject

them to scrutiny by a state regulatory agency.

Instead of fixed interest, which is banned by Islam, the Islamic companies offer a risk-sharing scheme that has in some cases paid over 20 per cent a year compared to seven per cent by banks.

Bankers feared some of the companies paid larger dividends than they could afford and warned of a possible political and economic crisis if the system collapsed.

Benefit

Egyptian newspapers reported today the appendix would allow companies to distribute profits to benefit equally shareholders and investors.

Shareholders would be allowed management fees, provided the companies made profits, but if they lost money the fees would be withdrawn.

Firms would be free to invest in economic and social development projects. But some investment — not specified in the reports — would be banned as

too risky, the semi-official newspaper Al-Ahram said.

Once the appendix is finalised, at least some of the half-dozen big Islamic companies are expected to ask their shareholders whether they should stay in business or close.

Al Rayan Investment Company, one of the biggest, said: "The war we are facing forces us to liquidate." But its statement last month said depositors would decide the matter after seeing the appendix.

Like Al Rayan, Al Hoda Misr Investment Company, which said it had 600 million Egyptian pounds (\$275 million) in deposits, said after a meeting of investors that it too would adopt a wait-and-see policy on the new law.

But the company in an open letter to Mubarak listed several objections it said represented the views of 160,000 savers.

One major complaint was the ban on taking new deposits during the three month time-limit.

The companies were given three months from June 9 to say if they wanted to stay in business.

Those that do, get a year to comply with the law, while those that do not have two years to wind-up their affairs.

Company officials denied suggestions by bankers that they achieved higher returns by using new deposits to pay current accounts.

Control

The risk-sharing would continue under the new law, but other aspects of company business would change. Western diplomats and company officials said the regulations would allow total government control over the firm's affairs.

The government sees the law as an overdue move to rein in a powerful and little-regulated sector. However, many company officials equate too much official interference with bureaucracy, inefficiency and financial losses.

Bankers, whose business suffered when depositors turned to

the investment companies, are watching with interest as the issue unfolds.

They especially like one clause in the law which requires deposits to be kept in Egyptian banks and not abroad.

"The reaction has been reasonably favourable from the financial community, both Western and Egyptian," said a Western diplomat.

Harm

But some economists believe government controls relating to investments and procedures, if strictly applied, could severely harm the companies, and this would benefit no-one.

The financial community and the government remain concerned that moves against the companies could precipitate a run on deposits and cause a crash within the system.

"If there's a big run on the companies, the banking system wouldn't collapse, but it would be a very destabilising social factor," said the diplomat.

BADEA loan

KHARTOUM, July 11, (OPECNA): The Arab Bank for Economic Development in Africa (BADEA) will extend a loan of \$8.10 million to Senegal for a rural water supply project.

An agreement formalising the deal was signed here at BADEA headquarters last week between Ahmed Abdullah Al Akeil, chairman of the BADEA board of directors, and Mohamed Chams Eddin Ndyo, Senegalese ambassador to Cairo who came to the Sudanese capital for the occasion.

Poles buy unrationed gas for the first time since '81

WARSAW, July 11, (AP): Gasoline stations across Poland today struggled to cope with demand when gasoline went on sale for the first time without ration coupons since 1981.

Customers at gasoline station No. 560 on Silver Street in Warsaw waited an average of four hours in the hot sun to pay 300 zlotys per litre (\$2.69 per gallon) compared to the ration price of 175 zlotys per litre (\$1.58 per gallon).

By midday, station manager Roman Magnuszewski and his co-workers had pumped as much gasoline as they normally had in an entire day when the station sold rationed gasoline.

Faces fell when a young man asked for 140 litres (\$36.4 at a cost of 42,000 zloty (\$98), about the average monthly wage. He filled his car and six big canisters, enduring hostile comments from fellow customers.

At noon, a truck delivered additional gas, reassuring those at the end of the 120-car line monitored by traffic police to prevent double parking. The primarily male clientele read, picnicked and played cards while

waiting.

The delivery driver brought word that four more gas stations would sell the unrationed gas, in addition to the two stations initially authorised for Warsaw, a city of 1.5 million people. Some of the customers made a mad dash for the newly added stations.

"People are satisfied because they can at least get gasoline now," said Magnuszewski.

State-run Polish television reported the new regulations and said customers interviewed had thanked the state gas monopoly for the opportunity to buy unrationed gas.

The government announced the regulations on Tuesday, five days before the traditional July 1 departure for summer holidays.

The central oil products monopoly initially planned to make the unrationed gasoline available at 64 gas stations nationwide.

The state monopoly's director, Jerzy Szewczyk, said 170,000 tons of non-rationed gasoline would be sold at the higher price this year, less than 10 per cent of all gasoline to be sold in Poland, and that if demand exceeded supply, the price would be raised.

Varun Shipping entering capital market

VARUN Shipping Co. Ltd., which has been continually paying a 20 per cent dividend for the past four years is entering the capital market with an issue of Rs 50 million equity shares of Rs 10 each at par.

Shares of Rs 6.6 million are reserved for preferential allotment to Non-Resident Indians, shares valued at Rs 33.5 million are reserved for preferential allotment to existing shareholders in the ratio of one share for every share held.

After the present issue Varun's capital will increase to Rs 83.5 million from its initial capital of Rs 2.4 million in 1984. The present book value of its Rs10/- equity share is Rs15.70 and the net fixed assets stand at Rs435.8 million.

Presently, the company owns ten ships consisting of three large petroleum tankers for carriage of petroleum, products and chemicals, five small tankers for transport of vegoil, lubes and chemicals and two anchor handling offshore supply vessels for transport of stores to oil rigs and platforms and also for towing of oil rigs and platforms.

Economic pact

BAGHDAD, July 11, (Reuters): Iraq and South Yemen today signed a five year agreement for economic, trade and scientific co-operation, the Iraqi News Agency reported.

The agency did not give any figures for the size of the trade exchange between the two countries.

It said the deal aimed at boosting economic, agricultural and technical co-operation between Iraq and South Yemen.

UAE's output hike puts new pressure on oil prices

A BOOST in oil output by the UAE could trigger a fight over market share with its Gulf Arab allies in OPEC, putting new pressure on world oil prices, Gulf oil traders said on Thursday.

The largest UAE producer, Abu Dhabi, has told producing companies in the emirate they can pump nearly 20 per cent more oil in July, industry sources said on Wednesday.

That could add some 200,000 barrels per day (BPD) of crude oil to an already oversupplied world market and bring total UAE output to some 1.5 million BPD, well above its quota set by the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) of 948,000 BPD.

Fellow OPEC producers Saudi Arabia and Kuwait were unlikely to stand idle if they saw their own market share threatened by the UAE move, the traders said.

Both have threatened to exceed their quotas if overproduction by others in the 13-nation group undercuts their markets. Saudi Arabia and

Kuwait, two of OPEC's most powerful members, are now producing close to their respective quotas of 4.343 million BPD and 996,000 BPD, industry sources said.

They joined the UAE, Qatar and non-OPEC Bahrain and Oman in 1981 to form the Gulf Co-operation Council (GCC), which often co-ordinates oil and foreign policy.

World oil prices have already plunged nearly 70 cents a barrel since Wednesday as traders saw new crude oil cargoes swelling the world glut. "The last thing the market needs is more oil," said one trader in response to the UAE move.

Quoted

A barrel of Dubai crude, widely seen as a Middle East benchmark, was quoted for August delivery on Thursday in Tokyo at \$12.65 nearly \$5 below its official OPEC price of \$17.42.

One Gulf Arab oil official, who asked not to be named, said the UAE output hike, if realised, would put new pressure on fragile OPEC pact to limit output to 15.06 million BPD through the

end of the 1988 excluding Iraq. Iraq refused to sign the agreement, demanding quota parity with its war foe Iran.

But the official and other sources said the UAE had long violated its quota, which it considers too low for a country with some of the world's largest oil reserves and a production capacity of four million BPD.

Justify

Oil Minister Mansour Saeed Al Oteibi insisted at an OPEC meeting in Vienna earlier this month that 1.5 million BPD was the UAE's rightful quota, but he signed the agreement anyway and vowed to try to rein in output.

The UAE produced more than 1.5 million BPD during which of the second half of last year, industry sources said.

Kuwait cited overproduction by other OPEC states to justify output beyond its own quota late last year, but Saudi Arabia has consistently sold its full quota without exceeding it, the sources said.

Gulf-based traders said it

remained to be seen whether the UAE would be able to sell the extra amounts allowed to the Abu Dhabi producers.

The traders have not yet seen evidence of new discounts they say the Abu Dhabi National Oil Company and its equity partners will have to offer to sell the additional crude.

The UAE's biggest customers, Japanese refiners, are well stocked ahead of an increase in oil import tariffs on August 1 and are unlikely to pick up the slack. "Japanese inventories are very high, and they won't rush to buy more," said one trader.

Demand

Moreover, Gulf officials predict world oil demand will pick up toward the end of the third quarter as consuming nations stock up for the northern hemisphere winter.

Meanwhile, Al Khaleej newspaper reported yesterday the UAE which is boosting oil output beyond its OPEC quota, will have a bigger budget deficit this year because of falling oil income. Al Khaleej newspaper reported yesterday.

Cairns Group to present new farm proposal to GATT

GENEVA, July 11, (Reuters): The 14-nation Cairns Group of farming nations will this week present a new plan to reform world agriculture to the Uruguay round trade negotiations, an Australian delegate said today.

The proposal, now being circulated in member capitals for ministerial approval, will be submitted at a July 13-14 meeting of the agricultural negotiating group at the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT).

"We hope it will provide the basis for negotiations between all parties — the European Economic Community, United States,

Japan and the Cairns Group," the Australian delegate said.

The four-year Uruguay round, launched by ministers in Punta Del Este in September 1986, aims to break down trade barriers in 14 areas, including agriculture for the first time. More than 100 nations are participating.

The Cairns Group — including major farming nations such as Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, and New Zealand — favours sweeping reform to end huge stockpiles and low prices.

Referring to the wide divergence of proposals at the 106-

nation negotiations, he commented: "Previously, there was no common ground for major participants at the meeting."

"I wouldn't call it a compromise proposal, but it is a compromise," the Australian official added.

Last October, the Cairns Group called for freezing global farm export subsidies by the end of this year, then a rollback to eventually eliminate them

Dear Junior Readers,

When I first came to Kuwait, I was shocked to hear that it had one of the highest road accident rates in the world, but it is not difficult to understand why, when you see how very badly a lot of people here drives.

The government is doing its best to make people think more about road safety, but there are still many people who obviously do not care about either their own or other people's safety on the roads. I am truly horrified when I see drivers zooming out of side-roads without signalling, weaving in and out of traffic at dangerously high speeds and jumping red lights. They just do not seem to understand that although smashed-up cars can be replaced, smashed-up bodies cannot.

Let us hope that one day, the message of the government's road safety campaigns will be understood by all drivers, but until that day, we should take extra-special care when we are near roads.

Many of you will have cars in the future, so we look to you to be a new generation of careful, considerate drivers who will help to make road use a pleasant experience, not a nightmare.

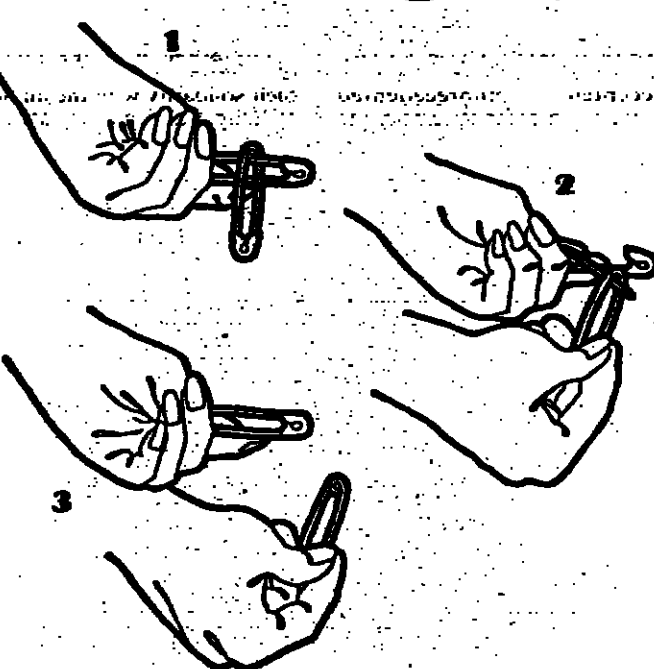
Auntie Joanne

General knowledge quiz

1. What is the name of the volcano which erupted and buried Pompeii?
2. What historical assassination took place on the Ides of March?
3. Why would a twelve stone man weigh only two stones on the moon?
4. What was the ruff worn by Elizabethans?
5. What is a catacomb?
6. What is a catafalque?
7. What is a catamaran?
8. What is London's famous meat market?
9. What is a gherkin?
10. What mythological creature had one hundred eyes and never slept?
11. What mythological creature had only one eye, and that was in the middle of his forehead?
12. What does UNESCO stand for?
13. What do we mean when we use the phrase 'take French leave'?
14. What do we mean when we refer to 'castles in Spain'?
15. How many squares are there on a chess board?
16. What are the 'chimook' of Canada and the 'brickfielder' of Australia?
17. What kind of painting is 'still life'?
18. What famous family lived at Haworth Parsonage?
19. Who is the patron saint of children?
20. Who was the French explorer whose name was given to a tropical plant?

Solution on Thursday

It's magic!



The illusion: Someone takes two large, unprepared, silver safety pins and fastens one inside the other. However, you take the pins and in a flash they are unlinked... but still closed!

The trick: After the pins have been linked and given to you, hold one with the coil end (the part that does not open) firmly between the ball of the left thumb and the first joint of the middle finger. The solid back bar of the index finger. The other pin is placed so that the coil end is resting on the upper bar of the left pin and the head is being held by the right fingers. Make sure that all of the right-hand pin is to the right of the left pin (1).

Your right hand must move in two directions at the same time. The first is a straight-down jerk of the right hand, as the second movement slides the right-hand pin toward the head of the left-hand one. These two moves together slide the right pin along the moveable bar of the other one. (2) Pull that bar down so the second pin can unlink itself, and then let the bar snap back into its head thereby closing itself (3).

If the pin doesn't close itself, it's because you pulled slightly sideways, rather than straight down. The two moves must blend into one to make sure no one can see what actually happens. And, of course, you have no idea at all how it works.

The fox and the rook

THE cawing of rooks filled the air as they swept across the pink sky in a black cloud towards their untidy homes in the treetops.

They were led by an old and greying bird whose word was law, and behind him came the older members of the family followed by the younger rooks who had been hatched in the spring. These were impatient young birds, proud of their strong young wings and throaty voices. Lagging far behind them was the most conceited young rook of all.

She had no need to hurry because she was confident that she could easily catch up whenever she wanted. As her wings flapped lazily her bright eyes spotted the open window of a house and she decided to investigate.

Swooping past the window she was delighted to see a table in the room beyond laden with delicious food. Turning awkwardly she looped backwards, flew through the open window and snatched up a large piece of beef. Her heart beating with excitement she flew with her prize to a small clump of fir trees. The meat was heavy, and breathlessly she settled on a comfortable branch, her bright eyes sparkling with satisfaction and greed.

A dying sunbeam glanced through the branches and settled on something brown and furry among the pine needles and

bracken at the foot of the tree. The brown patch moved silently forward and there, in the rose of the setting sun, was a fox.

It was rather early for him to be setting out for his night's hunting, but he was very hungry and when he looked up and saw the rook with the juicy piece of meat in her mouth his mouth watered with envy.

The rook glanced down at him with scorn. She thought the fox a rather common form of life. Why, he could not even fly!

The fox concentrated his gaze upon the meat, his brain working quickly, his amber eyes alive and bright. At all costs, he decided, he must have the meat. His beautiful brush swayed gently and he licked his chops. Then he smiled up at the rook and said in a soft voice. "What vision of beauty is this that I see?"

The rook cocked her head on one side and stared downwards, still holding the piece of meat firmly in her beak.

Then she heard the fox say, "Surely, those beautiful wings must have come from a fairy nest! And those eyes, so soft and liquid to behold, so star-like and so gentle."

The rook fidgeted a little and thought, "Perhaps I was mistaken. The fox appears to be a most elegant and sensible

Aesop's fables

fellow."

The fox took a breath and went on, "Never in all my travels have I seen such exquisite poise, such dignity. And her breast! Surely the swans on the lake would be green with envy if they should see such soft and fairy-like lightness!"

The rook preened herself but still held tightly to her prize. She was longing to hear more and waited expectantly. The fox continued, "That smooth beak, those dainty feet. This must be the wonderful rook that I have heard about."

The rook took a step to right and left upon her perch but still held on to the meat. Then the fox

muttered, "Now, if only she could sing like the nightingales! But of course, with such outward beauty she probably cannot sing at all. What a pity! If only she could sing she would be the queen of them all."

The conceited young rook could contain herself no longer. The fox, she decided, was a gentleman of taste and quality. She must show him that her voice was every bit as beautiful as her figure and colouring. She simply could not remain silent and she opened her beak as wide as possible. "Caw! Caw! Caw!" she croaked, making the most ugly sound that ever was heard. There was a sudden bark

of excitement from the foot of the tree as the slice of juicy meat fell on to the ground. The fox pounced upon it instantly and gripped it between his strong jaws. As he ran off the rook screamed in fury. "Caw! Caw! Caw! You wicked thief! Give me back my meat, Caw! Caw! You wicked thief!"

Moral: Men who flatter often have an ulterior motive.

The kite, the frog and the mouse

THERE was once much argument between a frog and a mouse as to which should be master of the fen, and many pitched battles resulted.

The crafty mouse, hiding under the grass, would make sudden attacks upon his enemy, often surprising him at a disadvantage. The frog was stronger

than his rival, however, and, hoping to end the dispute, challenged the mouse to single combat.

The mouse accepted the challenge, and on the appointed day the champions entered the field, each armed with the point of a bulrush, and both confident of success.

A kite chanced to be hovering overhead at the time, and seeing and silly creatures so intent upon their quarrel, she swooped suddenly down, seized them in her talons, and carried them off to her young.

Moral: United we stand divided we fall.

The farmer and the stork

FINDING that cranes were destroying his newly-sown corn, a farmer one evening set a net in his field to catch the destructive birds. When he went to examine the net next morning he found a number of cranes and also a stork.

"Release me, I beseech you," cried the stork. "for I have eaten none of your corn, nor have I done you any harm. I am a poor innocent stork, as you may see—a most dutiful bird. I honour my father and mother. I—"

But the farmer cut him short. "All this may be true enough, I dare say, but I have caught you with those who were destroying my crops, and you must suffer with the company in which you are found."

Moral: People are judged by the company they keep.



The why of plants

large amounts and call on the roots to supply more and more.

But the main reason for the change, even for the evergreens, is that eventually the chemical laboratories in the leaves get old and need to be replaced by new and efficient ones. The shorter days of autumn hastens this change.

When the old leaf has fallen, a healing layer forms on the stem and closes the wound, leaving the leaf scar. This can be seen clearly on many twigs in winter and is one of the marks by which trees are identified.

Why trees change colour in autumn

Every year with the approach of autumn the trees come to their period of rest. Little by little the leaves turn yellow and then curl up and fall to the ground. The tree then remains almost completely inactive until the return of good weather in the spring. It is a sad sight but at the same time a wonderful

one, because before dropping the leaves turn to shades of yellow, brown and red.

The explanation of this is quite simple. Plants are living organisms and must have food, and this they obtain by utilizing the organic substances provided by the leaves. At the same time, like animals, they also produce waste matter.

Animals are able to get rid of the waste materials from their food but the plant has to retain them in its tissues until the autumn. When the time comes for the leaves to fall, the plant extracts from them all the products which can be used, leaving behind the waste materials. This is what gives the foliage its yellow, brown and red colours.

Why leaves exposed to the sun do not get hot If during the warmest part of the summer we put sheets of paper or fragments of any material in the sun, we find after some time that they are very hot. If they are metal they may well become hot enough to burn us.

On the other hand, the leaves on trees are exposed all day long to the sun but when we touch them they are always fresh as if the sun's rays had not fallen on them.

Their continued freshness is due to the fact that they evaporate ceaselessly an incredible amount of water, the residue of the complicated chemical changes which take place inside them.

This evaporation causes a fall of temperature so that they always feel cool to the touch.

Why trees lose their leaves in autumn

In autumn the leaves of many trees change colour and then gradually fall and the branches become bare.

Other trees like the pine, the fir, the laurel and the holly keep their green foliage even in the winter, and you may therefore think that they do not need to change their leaves every year.

This is not so; even the evergreen plants change their old leaves for new ones, but they do it a little at a time throughout the whole year. This can be seen from the layer of dry needles which are to be found under fir trees.

All plants change their leaves, but why?

There are many reasons. In the case of broad-leaved plants there is the problem of defence against the cold. If they kept their foliage during the winter they would expose an enormous area to the frost, equal to that of all the leaves put together side by side.

In addition the plant needs rest and therefore discards all those tiny chemical workshops which evaporate water in



Where's dinner?

Match the food to the correct animal.

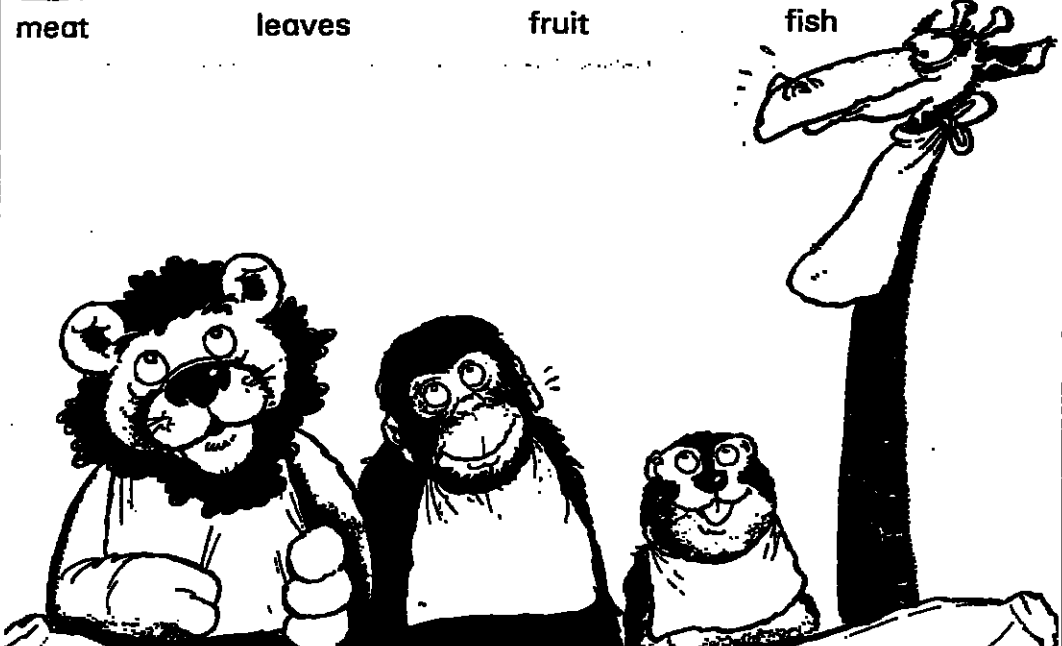


meat

leaves

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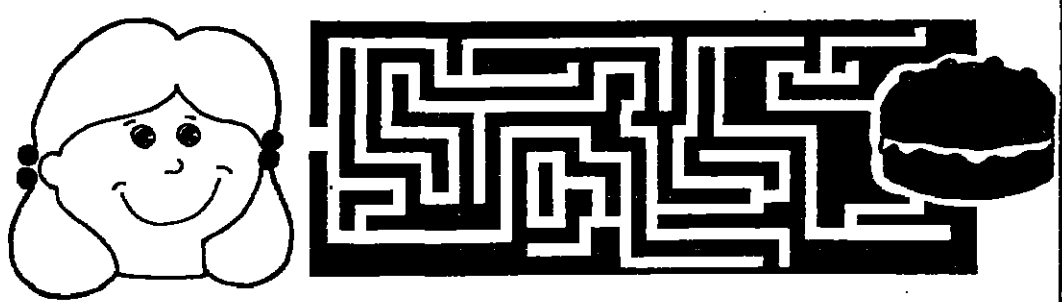
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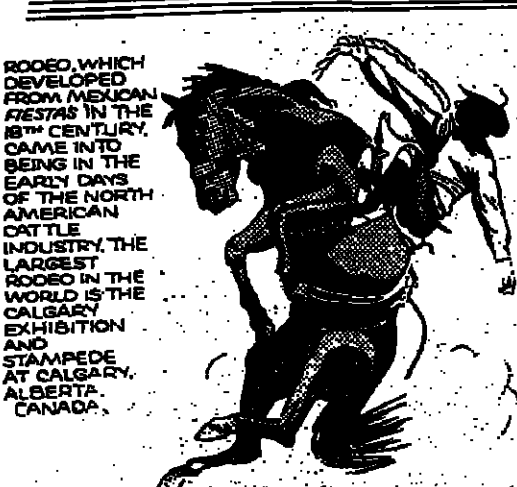
Ring the odd one out in each food list.

- 1 sausages, hamburgers, fishfingers, salami
- 2 chips, crisps, toast, jacket potatoes
- 3 cream, butter, milk, margarine
- 4 banana, lemon, apple, grapefruit
- 5 cauliflower, cabbage, potato, peas

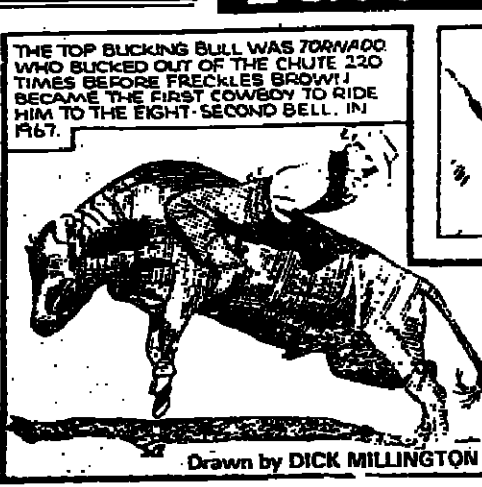
Find a way through the maze to reach the cake.



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Drawn by DICK MILLINGTON



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BASEBALL
ROUNDUPCalifornia
outlast
Cleveland

NEW YORK, July 11, (AP): The hottest team in the American League at the All-Star break is the California Angels.

The Angels are going so well these days — five straight victories and 17 of 23 — that they hit into six double plays yesterday but still beat the Cleveland Indians 7-5.

"To get close to .500 after being 19 games under means it's very good baseball these guys have been playing," manager Cookie Rojas said after the Angels boosted their record to 41-46.

"It seems now that everybody is picking up each other. When we were going bad nothing was happening, but now it seems things are going in our favor."

The division races find Detroit with a three-game lead over New York in the AL East — both lost yesterday — and Oakland with a 5 1/2-game bulge over Minnesota in the AL West after the Athletics beat Detroit 8-2 and the Twins lost to Milwaukee 3-2.

Athletics 8, Tigers 2

Rookie Walt Weiss hit his first Grand Slam to lead Oakland to a split of the four-game series between the division leaders. Weiss' third home run of the season, keyed a seven-run third inning. Terry Steinbach hit his fifth homer in the second for Oakland's first run.

Brewers 3, Twins 2

Jim Gantner hit a tie-breaking two-run double with two out in the top of the ninth, giving Milwaukee a sweep of the three-game series. Milwaukee reliever Chuck Crim pitched 1 2/3 innings for the victory.

Royals 5, Yankees 3

Frank White snapped a seventh-inning tie with a sacrifice fly and doubled home an insurance run in the ninth while reliever Rick Anderson pitched 3 1/3 scoreless innings for his first victory. Anderson, the third of four Kansas City pitchers, allowed three hits before Steve Farr bailed him out of an eighth-inning jam and earned his ninth save.

White Sox 4, Red Sox 1

Dave Lapointe allowed three hits in seven shutout innings and Greg Walker doubled home two runs in the bottom of the first. Steve Curry, making his Major League debut, was the loser, yielding three runs on four hits and seven walks in 4 1/3 innings.

Blue Jays 5, Mariners 0

Jimmy Key pitched a five-hitter over eight innings for his third consecutive victory since returning from elbow surgery and Rance Mulliniks' two-run homer keyed a five-run first. Seattle's Mike Moore dropped his sixth straight decision to Toronto and has a 3-11 career mark against the Blue Jays.

Orioles 2, Rangers 1

Rookie right-hander Jose Bautista overcame record 100-degree heat and combined with two relievers on a seven-hitter. Texas starter Bobby Witt, 0-6, making his first appearance since being recalled from the minors, was the loser despite pitching a five-hitter and striking out 10.

Pirates 7, Dodgers 2

R.J. Reynolds drove in three runs with a triple and a single as the Pirates won their fifth straight. Bob Walk, 10-4, named earlier in the day to the NL All-Star team as a replacement for San Francisco's injured Robby Thompson, allowed five hits in eight innings for his fifth straight victory.

Results			
American League			
Kansas City	5	New York	3
Baltimore	7	Texas	1
California	7	Cleveland	5
Oakland	8	Detroit	2
Toronto	5	Seattle	0
Milwaukee	3	Minnesota	2
Chicago	4	Boston	1
National League			
Montreal	4	Atlanta	2
Houston	6	New York	3
Cincinnati	5	Pittsburgh	4
Pittsburgh	7	Los Angeles	2
Chicago	4	San Diego	2
San Francisco	2	St. Louis	1

Standings			
AL East			
Detroit	52	33	612
New York	49	36	576
Cleveland	45	43	511
Boston	44	43	506
Milwaukee	42	46	477
Toronto	42	46	477
Baltimore	28	59	322

AL West			
Oakland	57	34	614
Minnesota	47	38	553
Kansas City	46	41	529
Chicago	41	48	471
California	41	46	471
Texas	40	46	465
Seattle	34	53	391

NL East			
New York	53	34	609
Pittsburgh	49	37	570
Chicago	45	40	529
Cincinnati	45	41	523
Montreal	38	48	442
St. Louis	38	49	424
Philadelphia	38	49	424

NL West			
Los Angeles	48	36	571
San Francisco	46	39	541
Houston	44	43	506
Cincinnati	42	45	483
San Diego	39	49	443
Atlanta	30	54	357

WORLD NO. 50 WINS US PRO TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Muster crushes Duncan for title



Muster (right) jumps into the arms of his coach after winning the title. (Reuter wirephoto)

CHESTNUT HILL, Massachusetts, July 11, (UPI): Eighth-seeded Thomas Muster, ignoring blistering heat, needed only 54 minutes yesterday to dispatch No. 13 Lawson Duncan 6-2, 6-2 and win the US Pro Tennis Championships.

The 20-year-old Austrian, who upset second-seeded Andre Agassi in the quarterfinals, earned \$50,575, the biggest paycheck of his five-year pro career.

During

Duncan, who received half that amount, appeared lethargic throughout much of the match, during which a court-side thermometer reached 130 degrees.

"He was not playing like he wanted to beat me," said Muster, world No. 50. "Maybe he was just happy to get to the final. I really wanted to win this tournament."

Muster, one of the hardest-hitting players on the pro circuit, held serve throughout and surrendered only 12 points in eight service games on the green clay court at Longwood Cricket Club. He broke the American in the fourth and eighth games of each set.

Despite the temperatures,

neither player complained of the heat.

Duncan, ranked No. 82, has not won a Grand Prix tournament since he joined the tour in 1984. He said he missed his latest chance "because I never could get any momentum going."

"I seem to have problems playing guys with big forehands who are left-handed," the 23-year-old American said.

The match was mainly a baseline duel, with only Muster occasionally rushing the net. Duncan said although he was losing, he did not try to change tactics against his opponent "because I respect his passing shots too much."

After both players won their semifinal matches Saturday, Duncan boasted to the press, "I'll tell you right now, I'm going to win this tournament. This is my tournament." Yesterday he said his words were simply the result of a professional athlete's self-confidence.

Muster said the American's boasts provided no motivation because he was unaware of them because he rarely reads local newspapers at tournaments.

In the upset-riddled tournament, played during a week-

long heat wave, Muster was the only one of the top 10 seeds to reach the semifinals. Defending champion Mats Wilander, the top seed, lost to Horacio de la Pena in the quarterfinals. The Argentine was ousted by Duncan, who did not lose a set before the final.

Although the forehand is usually the strength of both finalists, Duncan repeatedly committed unforced errors off his preferred shot. Muster successfully attacked Duncan's weak slice backhand, both on serve and in baseline rallies, but the American lamented, "I really wasn't able to exploit his backhand."

Saved

In their only previous meeting, Muster won 6-0, 6-0 in May at Forest Hills, in the Tournament of Champions.

Muster, who had a first-round bye at the US Pro, won 10 of 11 singles sets. He also saved one match point, when he was losing to unseeded Jimmy Arias in the second round.

"I'm match point down to Jimmy Arias. I save match point and I win the tournament," he shrugged. "It happens like this."

Hopson tames Daniels in trials final

CONCORD, Calif., July 11, (Reuter): Tiny Ed Hopson continued his quest to reach the Olympics by beating national champion Carl Daniels yesterday in the 57-kilogram final at the United States Olympic boxing trials.

Hopson, a high school student who turned 17 in May, won a 3-2 decision against his training partner Daniels despite being penalized one point for holding in the second round.

"I had to come out like a bull," said the charismatic Hopson, who stands 1.62 metres. "I fought hungry. Every time he hit me, I came back stronger."

Hopson, of St. Louis, Missouri, followed his victory with two of his trademark back-flips in the ring following the third-round match. Hopson did four flips in centre ring after upsetting world champion Kellie Banks in Friday's semifinals.

Battered

In another upset, Roy Jones beat reigning US champion Frank Liles, 3-2, in the 71-kg class. Liles was an easy one-round winner over Jones at the US championships last May, but Jones was at his counterpunching best yesterday.

Two other national champions were more successful. In the 63.5 kg class, Todd Foster battered his way to a unanimous decision over Lavell Foster, and in the 91-kg-plus category, Robert Salter won a 4-1 decision over Riddick Bowe.

Also victorious was three-time former national champion Arthur Johnson, a 3-2 winner in the 51-kg class over Chris Carrillo, and 81-kg fighter Alfred Coles, a unanimous winner over Bonani Parker.

The 12 Olympic trials champions will now travel to Las Vegas for box-offs starting next Saturday.

Masur thrashes Drewett in final

NEWPORT, R.I., July 11, (Reuter): Wally Masur scored an easy win over his good friend and neighbour Brad Drewett in the Hall of Fame tennis final yesterday and then issued an appeal to "save the grass" in professional tennis.

Masur beat fellow-Australian Drewett 6-2, 6-1 and then dismissed talk about removing the grass courts from Wimbledon or paving over any of the other four grass surfaces (Sydney, Queens, Bristol and Newport) on the circuit.

"I think it rather irresponsible

to talk about it," he said. "Why not keep them? We will become a bunch of automatons if everything is played on similar surfaces. I don't know where those people are coming from."

Limited

Masur has claimed a couple of big-name scalps in Grand Slam tournaments on grass, including Boris Becker at the 1987 Australian Open and John McEnroe this year at Wimbledon.

Masur, volleying flawlessly, was dominant from the service line where he limited Drewett to

just seven points in the 55-minute match.

"To win 2 and 1 sounds easy but you have to concentrate and keep focussed, and that's just what I did," said Masur, after collecting the \$23,000 first prize.

The fourth-seeded Masur broke Drewett's love to open the match and never looked back.

Drewett put the blame on himself. "He didn't break me — it was two double-faults and a missed easy volley," he said.

"You've got to beat him because he doesn't beat himself,"

the unseeded Drewett said. "You need to make your returns, serve and volley and have the other guy miss some returns. I helped him with the last part."

Drewett, at least, will get to help himself to some beer compliments of Masur. The doubles partners, who are neighbours and train together in Australia, agreed before the match that the winner would buy the beer.

"I'll have to catch up with Wally on that," said Drewett. "Since he's going to shout (buy), I'll make sure it is something expensive and cold."

Johnson and Lewis may race on new track

NEUBRANDENBURG, East Germany, July 11, (Reuter): Ben Johnson and Carl Lewis, the world's two top sprinters, may clash at a new high-altitude track in Seestriebe, Italy, on August 11, International Amateur Athletic Federation president Attilio Niboli said.

"On August 11 we will have a big meeting," Niboli told reporters at the weekend. "We hope we will have Johnson and Lewis."

Niboli, who was here for the East Germany-Italy athletics meet, said the new stadium situated 2,100 metres above sea level near Turin could become one of the world's best altitude training centres.

Resumed

Canadian Johnson set a world record in beating Olympic champion Carl Lewis of the United States in the 100 metres final at last year's Rome World Championships.

Johnson, who was to have met Lewis in three special races in Europe this year, has recently resumed training after an injury layoff.

Biondi bounces back in 50 metres

SANTA CLARA, Calif., July 11, (Reuter): Matt Biondi bounced back from a surprise defeat in Saturday's 100 metres freestyle to win the 50 metres freestyle at the Santa Clara international invitational swimming meet yesterday.

"Today I feel a lot better," said Biondi, who was beaten over his world record distance by fellow-American Troy Dalbey. "I needed something positive to take home."

Biondi came away with a good feeling by clocking 23.32 seconds to beat Canadian Mark Andrews, 23.46, and Peng-Siong

Ang of Singapore, 23.68.

The American said that many US swimmers were not performing at their best because they are point toward the Olympic trials in August, while the Canadians have already held theirs.

Previous

Canadian Allison Higson, however, maintained that the Americans were not up to par.

Higson, 15, won the 200 metre individual medley yesterday adding to her previous victories here in the 100 and 200 metres breaststroke and the 400 metres individual medley.

Soviets remain unbeaten

ROTTERDAM, July 11, (Reuter): The Soviet Union outclassed Italy 107-86 in their final match yesterday in the European men's Olympic qualifying basketball tournament which they won with an unblemished record.

The Soviet victory over the resilient Italians meant Spain and Yugoslavia, who are to meet in the closing game of the eight-nation tournament, were assured of the remaining two tickets for the Seoul Olympics.

European champions Greece

finished a disappointing fifth despite a 94-87 win over West Germany in their final match.

The Italians, who had to beat the Soviet Union to qualify for Seoul, tried to put the Russians under pressure with fast breaks orchestrated by Riva.

Despite lack of precision, especially in distance shots, the Italians edged ahead 31-30 some five minutes before halftime.

But the fitter and more experienced Soviet side struck back with a series of quick baskets by Kurtinaitis.

Pendleton stops Ras-I-Bramble

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J., July 11, (Reuter): Fred Pendleton stopped Ras-I-Bramble (formerly known as Livingstone Bramble) in the 10th round yesterday to win the vacant United States Boxing Association lightweight title.

Referee Tony Orlando stopped the scheduled 12-round fight at 47 seconds of the 10th when the American reopened a cut over the right eye of Bramble, the former World Boxing Association lightweight champion.

"I've never felt this strong in the water," said Kremer.

Aouita runs year's fastest 1,500m for third win in six days

NICE, France, July 11, (Reuter): Said Aouita of Morocco removed any doubts about his ability to regain peak form after injury when he turned on his old power yesterday to clock the fastest time of the year over 1,500 metres at the Nikita Athletics Grand Prix.

Aouita, world and Olympic 5,000 metres champion but gunning for the gold medal over the shorter distance at the Seoul Olympics, won his third 1,500 metres race in six days in a time of three minutes 32.69 seconds.

The Moroccan, who broke a toe in March and lost two months' training, showed he had lost none of his racing flair as he carefully tracked pacemaker American James Mays and Omar Khalifa of Sudan in the fast early part of the race.

Sprint

With 350 metres to go he showed all his old speed too, surging to the front to sprint home to victory by a margin of almost three seconds from Mogens Guldberg of Denmark. He was timed at 39.30 seconds for the final 300 metres.

The sight of the little Moroccan at his awesome best again may send shivers down the spine of some of his rivals for the Seoul gold medal, especially Briton Steve Cram who could finish only fifth in the 800 metres won by compatriot Tom McKean.

Aouita's performance was one of four world track bests for the year on a hot summer evening on the French Riviera.

Peter Koeh of Kenya, Yvonne Murray of Britain and Paula Ivan of Romania all sma-



Bubka stands in front of the scoreboard after setting the world record. (Reuter wirephoto)

shed the previous best times of 1988 in their events.

Koeh took more than four seconds off the year's best in the 3,000 metres steeplechase, winning in eight minutes 11.61 seconds as he resisted the furious late challenge of compatriot Patrick Sang on the final straight.

Murray, running her first 3,000 metres since last year's World Championships in Rome, also improved the 1988 top performance by more than four seconds as she raced away from Lynn Williams of Canada and fellow Briton Liz McColgan 500 metres from home to win in eight minutes 37.22 seconds.

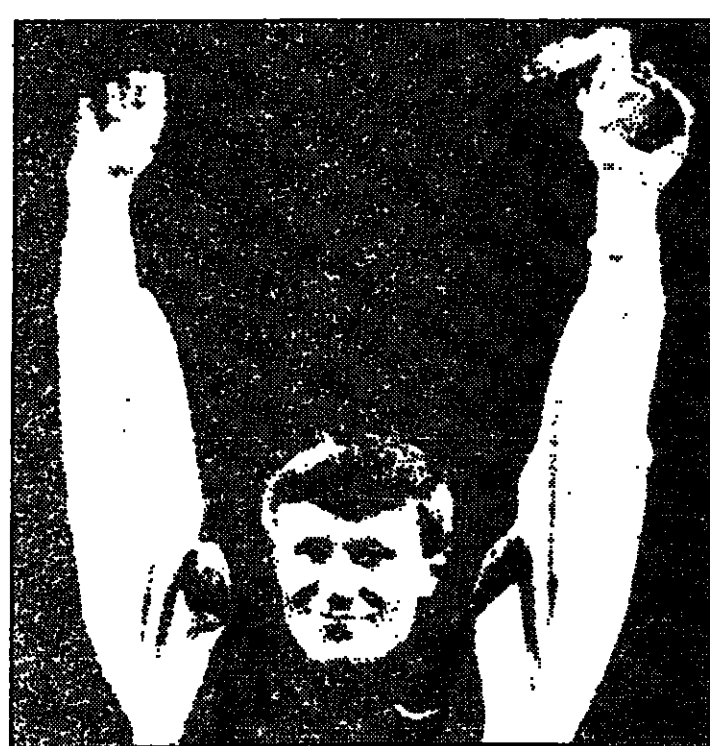
"This was only my second race of the season so I felt aggressive and determined," she said. "I

wanted to do a quicker last lap but the pace was fast and it was pretty hot out there. But obviously I'm delighted with the way I ran even if I made a few errors."

Ivan was two-and-a-half seconds inside the year's best as she raced to victory in the 1,500 metres in four minutes 00.14 seconds.

McKean's victory showed true class even if the winning time of one minute 45.82 was not world shattering.

The Scot, silver medalist in the 1986 European championships, ran the race from the front and won surprisingly easily, holding off the challenge of Cram and the faster Africans in the field on the last bend and final straight.



Bubka waves to the crowd from the victory podium after receiving his medal. (Reuter wirephoto)

"I don't like to race from the front but I felt well in control," McKean told Reuters. "Actually, I would have liked to have someone push me more. I didn't really expect Cram to come through — it's too early in the season for him."

Cram, the European 1,500 metres champion, found himself boxed in near the back going into the last bend and lacked the power as he attempted to pass on

the outside.

Cram finished almost a second down on McKean with Mousa Fall of Senegal taking second place.

Among the other outstanding performances of the evening was a 200 and 400 metres double by Grace Jackson of Jamaica.

Her long legs carried her past Ana Quirot of Cuba on the straight in the 400 metres as she won in 49.57 seconds and she was



Senna (left) and Britain's Nigel Mansell, who came second, shower each other with champagne. (Reuter wirephoto)

First frowns of season appear in McLaren pit

SILVERSTONE, England, July 11, (Reuter): Ayrton Senna won the British Grand Prix and revived his challenge for the World Drivers' Championship yesterday but a casual visitor to the McLaren pit would have been forgiven for thinking the rain-hit race had been disastrous for the Honda-powered team.

Long faces, frowns and mutterings of "serious problems all weekend" suggested that the record-breaking McLaren outfit had discovered a weakness in their own performance which could affect their prospects of dominating the second half of the Formula One season as they have the first.

Qualified

For the first time in eight of the season's 16 races, championship leader Alain Prost of France had been forced to retire and neither of the McLarens had qualified on the front row of the starting grid.

Even team manager Ron Dennis admitted: "Taken as a whole, I don't think we did a very good job this weekend in terms of car setup... so a win was very satisfying. Ayrton did an excellent job in the rain."

Senna, whose first Grand Prix win came in the last wet race at Estoril, Portugal, in 1985, proved again his courage in such conditions and his great driving skill by winning in impressive style.

But even he confessed afterwards: "The car was not handling well on the corners and we had a problem with fuel consumption — fortunately only a slight one."

Haider maintains lead

ROTORUA, New Zealand, July 11, (Reuter): Austrian Joseph Haider, driving an Open Kadett GSI, was well ahead in the New Zealand Motor Rally today after all the top local drivers crashed out.

Haider, the only European among the top 10, finished the third leg with a commanding lead of 18 minutes and two seconds over New Zealand's Ray Wilson in a Mazda 323.

Further

Another New Zealander, Malcolm Stewart in an Audi Quattro Coupe, was a further three minutes 41 seconds behind in the rally, the eighth of 12 rounds in the World Championship.

The first local to feel the pressure was leading contender Neil Allport in a Mazda 323 who lost

Luckily for Senna, the fuel-consumption problems of the Ferraris, which had started together on the front row for the first time since 1984, were even more severe.

The cause of McLaren's unexpected concern was a set of aerodynamic alterations, including new air inlets for the turbos, made to the cars following Prost's triumph at the French Grand Prix.

Prost said: "The car handled very badly. The worst this year. Understeer. Oversteer. It was hopeless. So I stopped."

"I did not want to take risks. Everyone does what they want with their car and with their life. I decided to stop and fly home."

"It is the privilege of a champion who is ahead on points. I may have lost the championship today... we'll see."

Senna's win lifted him within six points of the Frenchman who won the title in 1985 and 1986 and also established a Formula One record of eight successive wins for McLaren, breaking Ferrari's 1953 record of seven.

Despite their problems, the McLaren duo stay clear of the field in the battle for the drivers' title in the remaining eight races, starting with the West German Grand Prix at Hockenheim on July 24.

Only Austrian Gerhard Berger, if Ferrari can recapture their winning touch of late last season, and world champion Nelson Piquet of Brazil, in a Lotus, have any realistic, if faint, hope of catching them should their problems persist.

Haider maintains lead

25 minutes on stage 20 when he ran off the road and became stuck in the mud.

This put him back to 29th place although he clawed his way back to 14th at the end of the third leg.

Peter Bourne left the road on stage 24 and had to wait for the recovery vehicle tailing the field to retrieve his Subaru RX. Allport tried unsuccessfully to pull Bourne clear.

SPORTS

IMRAN PUTS IN ALL-ROUND PERFORMANCE FOR SUSSEX

Tailenders keep Middlesex on top

LONDON, July 11, (Reuters): Middlesex maintained their position at the top of the Sunday Cricket League thanks to an heroic effort by tailenders Simon Hughes and Angus Fraser.

The two fast bowlers put on an unbeaten 50 for the ninth wicket to give the leaders a remarkable two-wicket victory over Kent at Canterbury.

Requiring 188 to win, Middlesex had slumped to 141 for eight in 36 overs — but, in just four overs, Hughes (18 not out) and Fraser (30 not out) turned the game around.

In Kent's 187 for five, captain Chris Cowdrey hit a brilliant 61 with five boundaries and added 62 in seven overs with his brother Graham, who made 22.

Mark Nicholas, who on Saturday led Hampshire to victory in the Benson and Hedges Trophy final against Derbyshire at Lord's, broke his nose in a collision with Gloucestershire wicket-keeper Jack Russell.

The accident happened in only the second over of the innings and without their captain, Hampshire could muster only 157 for five in 40 overs.

Rain intervened midway through the Gloucestershire innings with Andy Stovold unbeaten on 43 and the score 106 for two. Gloucestershire's faster run rate gave them victory and took them into joint second place with Lancashire who were beaten by Somerset at Old Trafford.



Imran: hit 50 and took two wickets for 21

ford. After Somerset made 190 for seven from 34 overs, Lancashire reached 184 for eight to suffer their first defeat in six home games this season.

Somerset had beaten Surrey and Middlesex in their previous two completed games and so completed an impressive hat-trick of wins over the top three sides.

Pakistan Test captain Imran Khan hit 50 and took two for 21 as Sussex beat Warwickshire by

eight runs at Hove. Chasing a target of 158, Warwickshire needed 14 off the final over from Imran but eighth-wicket pair David Thorne and Piran Holloway managed only five.

Sussex, who had been sent in, totalled 157 for five with captain Paul Parker top-scoring with 52 — his fourth Sunday League half century of the season.

He shared a third-wicket stand of 91 in 21 overs with Imran who hammered five fours and a six in

his 50. England candidate Tim Curtis laid the foundation for Worcestershire's 39-run victory over Surrey at the Oval with a superb innings of 97.

Surrey rarely looked like reaching a target of 206 and were all out 39 runs short on 166.

Ravi Shastri emerged as Glamorgan's hero as they beat Essex by six wickets at Chelmsford.

The Indian all-rounder struck an unbeaten 60 from just 44 balls to lead his side home with four deliveries to spare. They were replying to a total of 204.

Shastri struck one six and nine fours in his superb effort and shared in a stand of 92 in 13 overs with Geoff Holmes, who made 47.

Earlier, John Hopkins had launched the Welsh county's effort with a solid 50 made off 73 deliveries.

The Essex total had been built around Australian captain Allan Border who made 73 from 94 balls with the help of six fours and a six.

The only other substantial effort came from 20-year-old Nasser Hussain who scored 38 and helped Border add 88 in 17 overs for the fifth wicket.

Results

At Canterbury: Middlesex beat Kent by two wickets. Kent 187 for five innings closed (C. Cowdrey 61 not out). Middlesex 191 for eight in 39.3 overs. Middlesex four points.

At Chelmsford: Glamorgan beat Essex

by six wickets. Essex 204 all out innings closed (A. Border 73). Glamorgan 206 for four in 39.2 overs (R. Shastri 60 not out). J. Hopkins 50, G. Holmes 47. Glamorgan four points.

At Southampton: Gloucestershire beat Hampshire on faster scoring rate. Hampshire 157 for five innings closed (R. Smith 57). Gloucestershire 106 for two in 26 overs — rain stopped play (A. Stovold 43 not out). Gloucestershire four points.

At Northampton: Northamptonshire v Yorkshire — no play possible because of rain. Both teams awarded two points.

At Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire v Leicestershire — no play possible because of rain. Both teams awarded two points.

At Old Trafford: (restricted to 34-over-per-side) Somerset beat Lancashire by six runs. Somerset 190 for seven innings closed (R. Bartlett 59). Lancashire 184 for eight innings closed (N. Fairbrother 51 not out). Somerset four points.

At the Oval: Worcestershire beat Surrey by 39 runs. Worcestershire 205 for nine innings closed (T. Curtis 97). Surrey 166 all out in 39.2 overs. Worcestershire four points.

At Hove: Sussex beat Warwickshire by eight runs. Sussex 157 for five innings closed (P. Parker 52, Imran Khan 50). Warwickshire 149 for seven innings closed. Sussex four points.

Standings

Sunday League cricket table after the latest round of matches (tabular under played, won, lost, tie, no result, points):

Middlesex	10	7	1	0	2	32
Gloucestershire	10	6	2	0	2	28
Lancashire	10	6	2	0	2	28
Worcestershire	10	6	2	0	2	28
Surrey	11	5	3	1	2	26
Yorkshire	10	5	3	0	2	24
Glamorgan	9	5	3	0	1	22
Derbyshire	10	3	4	1	1	18
Kent	11	4	5	1	1	20
Essex	11	4	5	1	1	20
Somerset	9	4	4	0	1	18
Warwickshire	10	3	4	1	1	18
Nottinghamshire	10	3	5	0	2	16
Hampshire	11	3	7	0	1	14
Northampton	10	2	5	0	3	14
Leicestershire	12	2	8	0	2	12
Nottinghamshire	10	1	7	0	2	8

Sieckmann scores first win in four years

WILLIAMSBURG, Va., July 11, (Reuters): Tom Sieckmann parried the second hole in a sudden-death playoff with fellow-American Mark Wiebe yesterday to win the \$650,000 Williamsburg Classic for his first victory in four years on the PGA Tour.

Sieckmann and Wiebe finished regulation play tied at 14-under-par 270 after 72 holes at the Kingsmill Golf Club.

Wiebe sank a 15-foot putt to save par on the first playoff hole but could not escape danger on the second. He missed the par-three green with his drive, while Sieckmann landed his tee-shot 20 feet from the cup and two putted for victory.

Sense "I was able to manage my game well and made the crucial putts when I had to. This is a sense of relief to have won finally on the (US) PGA tour," said Sieckmann who has won seven times on the Asian and European Tours.

The victory was worth \$117,000 to Sieckmann. Wiebe, the winner here in 1983, received \$70,000.

Americans Kenny Knox and Gene Sauers tied for third place two strokes behind, with compatriots Jeff Sluman and 1987 champion Mark McCumber another shot back.

Myers takes classic title

INDIANAPOLIS, July 11, (Reuters): Terry-Jo Myers overcame two rain delays and a bad case of nerves to win the Mayflower Classic golf tournament by one shot over fellow-American Amy Alcott and Japanese Ayako Okamoto yesterday.

Myers posted an even-par 71 to finish with an eight-under total of 276 for her first victory on the Tour and a check for \$60,000.

Alcott shot a 70, and Okamoto recorded a 72 to share second place at 277.

The Japanese had taken the lead from Myers with an early birdie but fell back into a tie when she bogeyed the par-four fifth hole.

Myers managed her first birdie of the day on the ninth hole and eased into the lead when Okamoto suffered a double bogey on the par-three 13th.

BRIDGE

RESULTS of the Hibernia Centre Bridge Club game played on Saturday:

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1. Nabil & Nabil Akel
2. Mulkere & Chandray
3. Inam & Aurora

E/W
1. Mr and Mrs Sapre
2. Taha & Rifai
3. Nabil Akel & Dr. Sankara Reddy

Results of the Hibernia Bridge Club game held on Sunday:

N/S
1. Mandooh Sabri & Ahmed Tawad
2. Magdi Mesdary & Gregory Lantini
3. Nabil Akel & Dr. Sankara Reddy

E/W
1. Ezzeldin & Adel Bayoumi
2. Sherin Bayoumi & Sultan Ali
3. Mughith Adham & Stanley Drexler.

Top clubs pressing ahead with TV deal

English League in danger of breaking up

LONDON, July 11, (Reuters): Ten top soccer clubs, including Liverpool and Manchester United, remained determined today to press ahead with a television deal that would cause an historic split in the English game.

Manchester United chairman Martin Edwards said the 10 would tell the Independent Television network ITV at a meeting on Wednesday that their £32 million (\$54 million) offer over four years was acceptable.

This would make a split with the English Football League, in its centenary year, unavoidable. The League are recommending acceptance of a £39 million (\$66 million) offer by the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) and a satellite broadcasting company.

This offer is also for four years but unlike the ITV deal embraces all 92 League clubs rather than the exclusive 10 — Liverpool,

Everton, Manchester United, Tottenham, Arsenal, West Ham, Nottingham Forest, Aston Villa, Sheffield Wednesday and Newcastle.

Two other clubs, Derby and Southampton, are also reported to be ready to join the rebels.

Acting

Professional Footballers' Association (PFA) secretary Gordon Taylor, acting as a mediator for the League, will put a peace plan to the 10 clubs on Wednesday, the same day the rebels are due to meet ITV.

Under this plan, all 20 First Division clubs will be guaranteed a 90 per cent share of all income from televised soccer.

But Edwards, the rebels' unofficial spokesman, said: "The 10 clubs involved have spoken amongst themselves again over the weekend and we will tell the ITV officials that their offer is

acceptable when we meet them again on Wednesday.

"We are fully aware of what the consequences will be. What the League are offering is too little, too late."

Edwards also ruled out an intervention by the Football Association (FA), the umbrella organisation for English soccer, stopping the formation of a "Super League," by the 10 teams.

He said: "We don't feel we can be blocked by the FA on this. We have gone into all the possibilities and problems."

If the clubs did break away from the League, they would be outlawed from the game in England, and the country's leading players unable to play for England.

The ultimate soccer authority in England is the FA and it would resist any attempts to sanction the new League.

Soccer sources said yesterday some FA members were insisting sanction would not be given because a Super League would be deemed as being against the best interests of the game.

But Super League backers are said to be confident of eventually gaining recognition after a legal battle.

Approval

However, that would hold little sway with the controllers of international football, FIFA and UEFA, without the FA's seal of approval.

Under those circumstances, England manager Robson could not pick players such as Manchester United's Bryan Robson, Liverpool's Pete Beardsley and John Barnes and Arsenal's Tony Adams and Kenny Sansom. Tottenham's new £2 million (\$3.4 million) signing Paul Gascoigne would also be ruled out.

Keegan to play in South Africa



Keegan (right): will play for a Cape Town club

CAPE TOWN, July 11, (Reuters): Former England soccer captain Kevin Keegan will visit South Africa this month to play for a Cape Town club, the owner said today.

Cape Town Spurs owner Noel Johnson said Keegan, the 37-year-old former Liverpool, Newcastle and Hamburg star, would make at least two guest appearances for the club during a four-week visit to South Africa beginning on July 23.

Keegan, who retired from professional soccer four years ago, will play here in defiance of an international ban on sporting contact with South Africa.

Cape Town Spurs play in the National Soccer League, which is multiracial and draws large, mainly black, crowds.

Lebanon hold Iraq to draw

IRAQ, July 11, (Reuters): Iraq drew 0-0 with Lebanon today in their Group One match in the fifth Arab Football Championships in Amman.

Meanwhile Kuwait defeated Jordan 1-0 yesterday in the 10-nation tournament.

Mohammed Al Bureiki scored after 65 minutes with a free kick from 40 yards in Kuwait's first match.

Ahead

Kuwait heads Group Two of the tournament, ahead of Algeria, Syria, Jordan and Bahrain.

Algeria drew 0-0 with Bahrain yesterday after drawing 1-1 with Syria on Friday. Bahrain drew 0-0 with Jordan.

Group One includes Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Lebanon, Tunisia and Iraq.

AC Milan not worried by lack of seeding

MILAN, Italy, July 11, (Reuters): AC Milan, unseeded despite the services of three of the Netherlands' triumphant national side, are resigned to the possibility of an awkward start to the 1988-89 European Cup when the draw is made tomorrow.

Manager Arrigo Sacchi, looking forward to the first-round draw in Geneva, told an Italian newspaper: "We are unseeded so all the teams in the draw could be our adversaries except champions PSV Eindhoven who automatically go through to the next round."

Already "It's possible that we will get Real Madrid or Celtic, Spartak Moscow or Steaua Bucharest... all big names but it does not really matter to me... we have already played Real Madrid in friendly matches and beaten them."

Last season Napoli, led by Argentine World Cup captain Diego Maradona, were also unseeded and drew Real Madrid

in the first round, a tie the Spaniards won 3-1.

AC Milan's playing staff includes Ruud Gullit, Marco van Basten and Frank Rijkaard — all members of the Netherlands' European championship winning side in West Germany last month — but they were unseeded because of their poor European record since being a major power.

Milan, who won the European Cup twice and the Cup Winners' Cup twice between 1963 and 1973, have travelled no further than the third round of the UEFA Cup in recent years.

Sacchi said he would obviously prefer to avoid Real Madrid in the first round "but that is the sort of 'if' and 'but' talking that I do not want to get involved in."

"I cannot forget that we have three Dutch champions, four Italian internationals and the rest are all members of the (Italian) Olympic squad. It's a team that can meet the task and



Gullit (right) and Basten: two of AC Milan's top players

should not be troubled by opponents," he said.

He said he was more worried about the Olympics damaging his team's chances since the European Cup first-round second-leg match would be only

four days after the Olympic final in Seoul, which he expected to involve the Italian team.

Belgium and Spain are the only nations to have seeds in each of the three European competitions.

Seeded teams: European Cup: PSV Eindhoven (Netherlands, holders), Werder Bremen (West Germany), Rapid Vienna (Austria), Club Brugge (Belgium), Real Madrid (Spain), FC Porto (Portugal), Steaua Bucharest (Romania), Gothenburg (Sweden). Cup Winners' Cup: Mechelen (Belgium, holders), Anderlecht (Belgium), Dundee United (Scotland), FC Barcelona (Spain), Panathinaikos Athens (Greece), Dinamo Bucharest (Romania). UEFA Cup: Bayer Leverkusen (West Germany, holders), Lokomotiv Leipzig (East Germany), Bayern Munich (West Germany), Cologne (West Germany), Waregem (Belgium), Aberdeen (Scotland), Atletico Madrid (Spain), Bordeaux (France), AS Roma (Italy), Internazionale (Italy), Juventus (Italy), Ajax Amsterdam (Netherlands), Benfica (Portugal), Dukla Prague (Czechoslovakia).

McLean set to go to court

DUNDEE, Scotland, July 11, (Reuters): Jim McLean, who quit as Dundee United manager yesterday after serving in the post since 1971, is ready to take the Scottish Football Association (SFA) to court.

After re-affirming his decision to resign yesterday following his £4,000 pounds (\$6,800) fine and three-year pitch-side ban by the SFA, McLean announced his intention to seek legal advice.

Scotland's longest-serving manager, who took United to the 1987 UEFA Cup final, said: "I cannot say exactly what the moves will be until I have spoken to my lawyer. I have to decide how far we can fight the case but I am determined to take it all the way."

McLean ended his 17-year reign as United manager in protest over the severity of that SFA punishment, which followed his touchline flare-up with Aberdeen captain Willie Miller during a Scottish Cup semifinal replay in April.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Tour de France

STRASBOURG, France, July 11, (Reuters): Jerome Simon of France won the ninth stage of the Tour de France cycle race, 160.5 kms from Nancy to Strasbourg, today in time of three hours 47 minutes 31 seconds. Bruno Leal of Italy was second and Frederic Vichot of France was third. Steve Bauer of Canada retained the race leader's yellow jersey.

Italian team

MARNAELLO, Italy, July 11, (Reuters): Italian motor racing team Ferrari said today they had hired Brazilian Formula 3,000 driver Roberto Moreno to help develop and test drive their new normally-aspirated Formula One car.

American soccer

CANTON, Ohio, July 11, (AP): The American Indoor Soccer Association will expand to seven and possibly eight teams for the 1988-89 season and will have a new commissioner, the League has announced.

Liberty Cup

NEW YORK, July 11, (UPI): Gary Johnson of the United States yesterday won the 1988 Liberty Cup yacht racing championship, compiling a 10-1 record in the four-day event sailed in New York harbour.

WBC champion

NAGOYA, Japan, July 11, (Reuters): World Boxing Council (WBC) super-flyweight champion Gilberto Roman of Mexico will make his second title defence against Kiyoshi Hatanaka of Japan in Nagoya on September 4, the challenger's promoter said today.

Snooker event

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka, July 11, (AP): Thailand's Wattana Pong-Or won the fifth Asian Snooker Championship today, beating Kenny Kwok Chi-Ho of Hong Kong by 8 frames to 7 in a closely fought 295-minute final. Wattana, 18, won the deciding 15th frame 57-34 after Kenny missed the black ball.

Fignon fined

NANCY, France, July 11, (Reuters): Laurent Fignon, winner in 1983 and 1984, was fined 1,000 francs (\$160) yesterday for throwing a plastic water bottle at a photographer during the eight stage of the Tour de France cycle race.

Golf classic

KENMORE, Washington, July 11, (AP): Bruce Crampton closed with 2-under-par 70 to win the \$300,000 GTE Northwest Classic by one stroke over Don Bies and Bruce Devlin. Crampton, 52, finished with a 54-hole total of 207 over the Inglewood Country Club yesterday.

Bin Sulayem opts for new role in Dubai



Bin Sulayem

DUBAI: The Arab worlds No.1 rally driver Mohammad Bin Sulayem has confirmed that he will not contest the BP2000 Trophy 4x4 rally in Dubai on September 20/21. The Middle East champion has instead opted to assist the Al Nasr Motor Sports Club with the organisation of this new event.

"The club plans to host a first class rally for both veteran and novice drivers" explained the 27-year-old Emirati star, "and I hope my experience can make a contribution to achieving that goal."

Contest

A long-time fan of four-wheel-drive rallying, Bin Sulayem recently confirmed that he plans to contest the BP2000 Trophy round in Bahrain on September 8/9.

Even at this early stage a number of enquiries from Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and other Gulf states have been received in connection with participation in these two BP sponsored rallies.

Top Kuwaiti drivers Tareq Al Wazzan and his Marlboro colleague Eid Falah have both confirmed their intention to enter Bahrain in Range Rovers.

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